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Amnesty Group, Belfast Women Win Peace Prize

LO, Oct. 10 (UPI).—Amnesty International, the organization that fights human rights violations throughout the world, won the 1977 Nobel Peace Prize today.

The 1976 prize was given to Williams and Mairead Corrigan, leaders of the Northern Ireland women's peace movement.

Amnesty International said its forces to protect the rights of human life. Amnesty International has given practical support to people who have been persecuted because of their race, religion or political views.

Two Belfast women were named for the movement they led to end the violence in Northern Ireland.

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But the Norwegian public strongly favored the two Belfast women and gave them the Nobel peace prize in Oslo last December.

The Nobel Peace Prize has been under severe criticism the last few years for awards the jury has given to controversial politicians.

"The 1976 and 1977 winners are grassroots movements which should be backed by most people," said Tim Greve, head of the Norwegian Nobel Institute.

In Belfast, Miss Corrigan wept when told she and Mrs. Williams had won.

"It's just overwhelming," she said. "This is a tremendous encouragement for us in our work. I accept the award on behalf of those people of the world, particularly in Northern Ireland, who have worked and are working so desperately for peace."

In Stockholm, Thomas Hammarberg, the chairman of Amnesty International's executive committee, said "We will use the money to build our organization in countries where we are weak or nonexistent at the moment. We need to strengthen the organization in several Asian, African and Latin American countries."

"Our work is important because there are political prisoners in 70 to 75 countries. In more than 40 countries people are tortured and in more than 120 countries there is still the death penalty. We see an increase of the death penalty for political crimes."

In Moscow, Andrei Sakharov, who won the prize in 1975 but was refused permission to receive it in Oslo, said that he approved of the award to Amnesty International.



Mrs. Betty Williams (left) and Mrs. Mairead Corrigan, leaders of the Northern Ireland Peace Movement, who were yesterday awarded the 1976 Nobel Peace Prize. They are shown in Belfast last year, after Mrs. Williams' car was slightly damaged by a brick.

"I welcome that decision because I have a very high opinion of that organization," he said. "Amnesty International has strong international authority because of its goal of achieving observation of human rights worldwide without concern for political or social systems."

Amnesty International was formed in 1961 by British lawyer Peter Berenson. It has 180,000 members in 107 countries, with 1,666 affiliated groups. It has national committees in 34 countries.

"The Nobel Committee has in the year 1977—the year of the

consciousness—wanted to honor the organization with the Nobel Peace Prize for the efforts it has made to protect this group of prisoners against the treatment that violates human rights," the committee said.

Conscientious prisoners are defined as those who are imprisoned because of their political views, their race or their ethnic background.

By coincidence, a worldwide Amnesty International week began today, organized to bring the plight of the world's political prisoners to the public's attention.

In a formal statement today, Amnesty International called on all governments to "release all prisoners of conscience" and to abolish torture and the death penalty.

The Nobel Committee cited the Belfast women for forming their peace movement after the killing of three children in Belfast on Aug. 10 of last year. "During a short period of time the two women had set off a wave of public sentiment within great parts of the population, not only in Belfast but throughout all Northern Ireland," the committee said.

Rings Smashed, Police Say

Arrested in Spanish Raids Leftist, Rightist Terrorists

BARCELONA, Oct. 10 (AP).—Police smashed today to have the president of the provincial government and his two police bodyguards.

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Belgrade Conference Speech

Unesco Chief Criticizes U.S. For Holding Back Payments

BELGRADE, Oct. 10 (AP).—The director-general of Unesco scolded the United States today for withholding its contributions to the organization, saying that such pressures are "intolerable."

In an address to the Belgrade conference that is reviewing the 1975 Helsinki accords, Amadou Mahtar M'bow, head of the UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, had equally sharp words for Romania over the detention last year of a Romanian employee of Unesco.

Mr. M'bow reviewed Unesco contributions to détente since the 35-nation Helsinki agreements were signed in 1975. His criticism was that "no institution can usefully and efficiently serve the community of nations if the member states do not respect their commitments guaranteeing its autonomy."

He did not mention the United States by name, but said, "A government marking its disapproval in relation to such and such a decision taken by a constitutional organ of the organization which it belongs to, by withholding all or part of its contribution... is a financial pressure on the whole of the member states."

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It subsequently voted, however, to pay \$17 million toward this year's budget and it has said it intends to pay the rest of its contribution through next year, but the funds have not reached Unesco.

Cosmonauts Returning to Earth Soyuz Mission Ended After Docking Failure

By Craig R. Whitney

MOSCOW, Oct. 10 (NYT).—Two Soviet cosmonauts had to abandon their mission in space after an unexpected docking failure today. They prepared to return to earth only a day after being launched into orbit.

The cosmonauts, air force Lt. Col. Vladimir Kovalenok and flight engineer Valery Ryumin, a civilian, were launched yesterday toward a rendezvous with an orbital station and had been expected to stay in orbit through the 50th anniversary of the Bolshevik Revolution Nov. 7.

Trouble occurred at 7:39 a.m. Moscow time, when the cosmonauts tried to dock their Soyuz-25 space capsule with the 7.5-ton orbital station Salyut-6, according to the Soviet press agency Tass.

First Space Trip

Col. Kovalenok and Mr. Ryumin were then ordered to prepare to return to earth. Late this evening, there was still no word on whether they had landed; both were on their first voyage into orbit.

It was the second such failure in a year. Last Oct. 16, two other Soviet cosmonauts failed to dock with an orbiting station and came down so hastily that they splashed into a lake in Central Asia by mistake.

The latest mission ended, according to Tass, after the automatic guidance system brought Soyuz-25 to within 400 feet of the Salyut station.

"Deviations from the planned docking regime" forced the crew to cancel the maneuver, Tass said, and the men were ordered to prepare to return to earth.

"They obviously have some serious problems with docking," said a Western diplomat who follows the Soviet space program closely. "It's embarrassing for them that it happened just at this time, but I wouldn't be surprised if they had a backup crew ready to take their places quite soon."

The flight had been heavy with symbolism. The two cosmonauts rode their ship into space from the launching pad from which the Soviet Union put the first Sputnik into space on Oct. 4, 1957.

Without mentioning Romania by name, Mr. M'bow alluded to the case of Sorin Dumitrescu, director of Unesco's division of water sciences, who went to Bucharest last year on an official mission. He was detained on charges of not complying with Romanian law by remitting part of his foreign earnings to Romania. He submitted a letter of resignation, which he later said was written under duress.

Russia Asks New Ban

BELGRADE, Oct. 10 (UPI).—The Soviet Union appealed today for a ban on weapons that lower the nuclear threshold—a clear reference to the neutron bomb.

Soviet delegate Yul Vorontsov was quoted as saying, "Can we seriously speak of the rights of man and leave man exposed to the effect of such weapons?"

His appeal came as NATO defense ministers met in Bari, Italy, for discussion of nuclear strategy, including potential deployment of the neutron bomb and Cruise missile.

Israel Starts New Settlement On West Bank, Plans Another

TEL AVIV, Oct. 10 (Reuters).—Israel has established a new settlement on the West Bank of the Jordan, a Jewish Agency official said here today.

The official said that half of the new outpost, Kfar Ruth, is inside Arab territory captured during the 1967 war.

It was set up last week as part of a program approved by the former Labor government. According to the plan, which has been ratified by the current Likud government, another settlement in Arab territory will be established within the next week.

Similar settlements approved by the Likud government since it gained power last May have brought criticism from the United States, which said that the settlements were illegal and hampered Middle East peace negotiations.

stay in space so far is 63 days. A U.S. Skylab crew remained in space for 84 days in 1974. The last Soviet team came down after 18 days in orbit in February of this year.

In June, 1971, three Soviet cosmonauts died while returning to earth after their capsule apparently suffered catastrophic decompression. In April, 1974, a Salyut station lost its solar energy panels and could not be manned.

In August, 1974, Soyuz-15 was unable to dock with another Salyut station and in April, 1975, an unnumbered Soyuz craft with two cosmonauts aboard was forced back to earth after the third stage of the launching rocket malfunctioned.

Dayan Has 4-Point Plan For Middle East Peace

Syria Demands PLO Talks Role

Asking Control Of Water Sources

By Marvin Howe

BEIRUT, Oct. 10 (NYT).—Syria insisted today that the Palestine Liberation Organization be represented at Geneva peace talks. The statement was seen as a hardening of Arab positions.

"Syria will never go to Geneva without the PLO," Syrian Foreign Minister Abdel Halim Khaddam declared in an interview. This was the minister's first public statement since he conferred with President Carter in New York last week.

At the same time, the Syrian government newspaper, Tishrin, said Damascus continued to demand a global solution to the Middle East problem, based on two principles: complete Israeli withdrawal from the territories occupied in 1967 and recognition of Palestinian national rights.

In view of Syrian insistence on PLO participation at Geneva, it was considered unlikely that Egypt and Jordan could accept the U.S.-Israeli procedural proposals which provide for participation by Palestinians other than the PLO.

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Oct. 10 (AP).—Israel Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan today proposed a four-point plan for a Middle East peace treaty. The plan called for continued Israeli control of the West Bank of the Jordan River and security of the Jordan's sources, which are in Lebanon and Syria.

His other two points, spelled out at a half-hour news conference, were insured security for Israel and freedom of navigation in Middle East waterways—which include the Suez Canal, the mouth of the Red Sea and the Gulf of Agades.

After a UN report disclosed that Israeli Ambassador Chaim Herzog had told Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim that Israel had to limit re-entry of Arabs displaced by its 1967 occupation of Arab territories because "certain Arab governments" were trying to infiltrate "Arab terrorists, arms and explosives" across cease-fire lines.

Mr. Khaddam is to tour Arab capitals in a move to explain his government's position on the Geneva conference and discuss the next Arab moves, according to informed sources. Syria is pressing for an Arab summit conference to review alternatives to the Geneva peace talks.

Also taking a harder line, the PLO reversed its position calling for the destruction of Israel and accepted a 1967 Security Council resolution asserting Israel's right to exist.

He said that a U.S. working paper on procedure for a new Geneva conference, shown to the Egyptians, called for participation of the PLO, but he said the one shown to him did not.

On Sept. 2, Mr. Dayan said, at the suggestion of Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, "We provided a draft text for a full peace conference." (Continued on Page 2, Col. 5)

Wholesale Return

Mr. Waldheim estimated that 234 displaced persons had returned in the year ended June 30, running the total to more than 9,000 since June, 1967. A General Assembly resolution last year called for the wholesale return. The West Bank, formerly part of Jordan, and the Golan strip, formerly under Egyptian control, are earmarked in a controversial UN plan for the establishment of a "Palestinian entity."

Mr. Dayan rejected the idea of a Palestinian entity or state. He also rejected participation of the Palestine Liberation Organization in any new Geneva Middle East peace conference, even if the PLO reversed its position calling for the destruction of Israel and accepted a 1967 Security Council resolution asserting Israel's right to exist.

Communists in France Reject Socialist Bid for New Talks

PARIS, Oct. 10 (UPI).—The French Communist party's newspaper, L'Humanité, today rejected Socialist proposals to resume negotiations in an effort to patch up the leftist union for the legislative elections next March.

Replying to a statement yesterday by the Socialist party that it was ready to resume talks "without precondition," L'Humanité charged that the Socialists "refuse to take the indispensable step that we ask them to."

The two parties, along with their smaller partners, the Leftist Radical Movement, suspended negotiations last month on the issue of updating their 1973 Common Program electoral platform as the Communists demanded sweeping nationalizations of more than 700 firms. The Socialists and the Leftist Radicals rejected the demand.

The newspaper Le Figaro today published a poll indicating that 50 per cent of Frenchmen would vote for the left if the elections were held now, 47 per cent for the center-right government coalition and 3 per cent for ecological candidates.

A similar poll conducted last month said that 63 per cent of the French favored the left while 47 per cent supported the government coalition.

Pressure Cited

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Spanish Political Mood Is Soured by Growing Economic Deterioration

By James M. Markham

MADRID, Oct. 10 (NYT).—Four months after Spain proudly and euphorically held its first free elections since 1938, the nation has begun to sink into a rudderless mood of despondency and uncertainty.

The widespread climate of disillusion, which is most sharply expressed by politicians and the press, stems in part from the millennial hopes that at times enveloped the June 15 parliamentary elections. Democracy was frequently viewed more as a goal—an oasis—than a method of government.

Premier Adolfo Suarez, who heads the minority center-right government that came out of the elections, has found that it was easier to dismantle the creaking fixtures of the Franco state than to build new ones. Moreover, as Spain's politicians try to strike a consensus on such momentous issues as the shape of a new constitution, Mr. Suarez finds himself grappling with a crippling economic crisis that is reaching truly alarming proportions.

Economics is not Mr. Suarez's strong suit, and throughout his

Madrid and Opposition Parties Forge the Beginnings of a 'Social Pact'

first year in power he shunned hard decisions, arguing that only a popularly elected government could make them. After the elections, his government devalued the peseta, which had come under international pressure, and talked of a far-reaching economic program that never got off the ground.

'Social Pact' Forged

Over the weekend, Mr. Suarez finally convinced the leaders of Spain's political parties to his offices at the Moncloa Palace on the outskirts of Madrid, where two days of talks forged the beginnings of a "social pact" designed to arrest the economic deterioration that has soured the political mood of the country.

According to one government estimate, between 12,000 and 15,000 businesses may go bankrupt by the end of the year, caught in a credit squeeze and a wage spiral that shows signs of soaring out of control. Meanwhile, inflation looks as if it will top 30 per cent this year—the highest rate in the industrialized

world. Consumer prices for the first seven months of 1977 rose by 16.9 per cent, and in the month of August they rose by 3.2 per cent.

The government had originally suggested that wage rises be held to a maximum of 17 per cent, but recent settlements have topped 40 per cent—and there are predictions that others will go higher.

The sickly stock market has hit its lowest point since 1948, and between 800,000 and 1 million people are out of work.

"It's fatal," said a Spanish housewife, who voted for the Spanish Socialist Workers party last June. "It's worse under Suarez than it was under Franco."

She was not talking about the mounting cost of living—in fact, an inheritance from Generalissimo Francisco Franco in some regards—but the clear dangers that economic discontent will be transformed into political radicalism of the far right or the far left.

Under the outlines of this week's "social pact," both wage rises and the cost of living index

are to be held to a hefty maximum of 22 per cent in 1978, while other steps are to be taken that will encourage the creation of more jobs and ease the plight of small businessmen. But the ability of Mr. Suarez and the parties to enforce this "historic compromise"—as it is being somewhat grandly called—are open to question.

Spain's two main leftist parties, Felipe Gonzalez's Socialist Workers party and the Communist party of Santiago Carrillo, which both participated in the weekend talks, are in head-on competition to organize Spain's underemployed working class. Pressures are building from the bottom of both parties to take more militant postures, and Communists and Socialists alike are worried that labor disputes this fall may spill beyond their control. In some cases, they already have.

For its part, the government has not shown itself able to enforce the price controls that presumably will be part of the "social pact" when its details are

announced next week. Some economists argue that control over the nation's money supply is the government's only real economic lever.

Meanwhile, the old demons of extremist violence keep rearing their heads. An explosion at a leftist magazine in Barcelona last month killed a doorman, wounded others and sparked a profound closure of the nation's main newspapers. Shortly afterward, a police captain was murdered in Madrid. On Saturday, gunmen from the Basque terrorist organization ETA assassinated a high government official and his two police bodyguards in Guernica.

Like the strident nostalgic rhetoric of neo-Fascist publications these spasms of violence do not in themselves threaten Spain's new institutions but they have a corrosive effect and fuel discontent in the military.

There are no signs that Spain's military establishment is thinking of toppling the new order, but rightists have been stuffing military mailboxes with leaflets intended to undercut the position

of Lt. Gen. Manuel Gutiérrez Mellado, deputy premier and defense minister, who has been a champion of reform.

The general finally struck back, distributing a 15-page circular warning officers against "rumor, negative criticism and everything that could break the necessary unity among the three armed services."

In many ways, the great strength of Spain's democratic experiment has been the willingness of its leaders to sit down and talk with each other—as they did this weekend at the Moncloa Palace.

It is Spain's misfortune that its first steps toward democracy coincided with the cumulative effects of the West European recession and a structural crisis of Spanish industry that is one of the steepest legacies of Franco's protectionist state. Mr. Suarez proved to be a did this weekend at the Moncloa his first, breathtaking year in power. Now he and the rest of Spain's leaders must confront a deteriorating economic situation they do not altogether control, but which may decisively shape the nation's political future.

61 Die in Crash Of Indian Trains

NEW DELHI, Oct. 10 (UPI).—An express train from Calcutta hit a standing freight train today at Naihati station, 350 miles south of New Delhi, here, and the accident killed at least 61 persons and injured 150, officials said.

The condition of 81 of the 150 injured is serious and the death toll is likely to rise, they said.

Reports from the scene said that the engine and two sleeping coaches of the express train were badly damaged in the accident.

2 Women of Vision

'Peace People' Spring From Unlikely Alliance

By Roy Reed

LONDON, Oct. 10 (UPI).—Mairéad Corrigan and Betty Williams now look like a match made in heaven, but they were a distinct long shot for the Nobel Peace Prize when they met 14 months ago in Belfast.

Miss Corrigan, now 33, was a quiet young woman working as a secretary. She was a devout Roman Catholic and was known as a good family person, attentive to the people closest to her. Mrs. Williams, now 34, had two children and was married to a merchant seaman. She had no outside work and was also known as a family person. Neither had been involved in any public activity beyond church and school.

On Aug. 10 of last year, a British soldier shot the driver of an Irish Republican Army getaway car in the Andersonstown section of Belfast, not far from Mrs. Williams' home. The car veered and struck three children, killing them. They were the children of Miss Corrigan's sister.

Initial Move
Mrs. Williams made the first move that was to bring the two women together and ignite a movement. She went into Andersonstown, a stronghold of the IRA, and began asking strangers to sign a petition for peace. The petition had taken hundreds of lives on both sides since the late 1960s.

As part of the petition drive, she and some friends organized a small peace march. It attracted about 200 women. Miss Corrigan saw it pass her house. She joined it, and she and Mrs. Williams that day became the joint leaders of a virtually spontaneous mass movement.

Ten thousand persons marched with the two women the Saturday after the children were killed, and 20,000 a week after. Almost overnight, the "peace women" became a phenomenon. People all over the British Isles and in other European countries sent money, letters and encouragement.

Perhaps it was predictable that Mrs. Williams would have acted first. She is outgoing, emotional and aggressive. She is not ashamed to weep in public when her feelings overflow.

Mixed Marriage
Mrs. Williams was also somewhat more conditioned to hatred than Miss Corrigan. As a Catholic, Miss Corrigan was a member of a religious and political minority in Northern Ireland. But Mrs. Williams was part of a smaller and even more despised minority. She was a Catholic married to a Protestant. Many on both sides consider mixed marriage almost repulsive.

Miss Corrigan is as quiet as Mrs. Williams is talkative. They make a formidable pair on the platform, the tall Mrs. Williams exhorting the crowd and the slight Miss Corrigan inspiring it.

How effective they have been in Northern Ireland is a matter of continuing debate. The Community of Peace People, as their organization now is known, is cautious about taking credit for the somewhat improved security situation in the province.

Mrs. Williams said at a meeting in London today, "During the 14 months since the movement started, violent deaths in Northern Ireland have dropped by 54 per cent. We hope this has something to do with our movement. We have not yet brought peace to Northern Ireland. We have created a climate for peace to become respectable."

Search for Goal
The movement has seemed in recent months to be searching for direction. The two women have continued to travel widely, in and out of Northern Ireland, speaking to various groups and raising money. But at home, the organization has shown signs of uncertainty.

The third major force in the movement is a former journalist named Cieran McKee. He is recognized as the ideological leader. With the backing of Miss Corrigan and Mrs. Williams, Mr. McKee has tried to steer the peace organization into what they call "community politics." They avoid party involvement, but the mere mention of community politics has made many people skittish.

Organizational policy was fiercely debated at a meeting last week-end in Belfast before the 200 delegates ended with what one newspaper called a "wooly compromise" that essentially left the matter open.

Among other things, the organization has to decide how to spend the \$140,000 of Nobel Peace Prize money and another \$340,000 from the Norwegian Peace Prize that it won earlier. It has bought down local chapters around the province and invested in some small community center buildings. It has tried to help former terrorists find new lives in other countries, but it won't say how many it has added so far. It sponsors gatherings to let Catholics and Protestants get acquainted.

There was some surprise in Belfast that the two women had won the Nobel prize. Their organization had not been active recently as it was last year. The leaders said last spring that the group still had some 7,000 to 8,000 active members, but the figure probably has decreased since then.

Mrs. Williams said last weekend that some feared the peace movement was dying. "Well, I won't let that happen," she said.



Mairéad Corrigan



Betty Williams

Report by Amnesty International

East Germany Is Said to Hold Thousands in Political Jails

LONDON, Oct. 10 (UPI).—East Germany is estimated to have several thousand political prisoners despite denials by the authorities there, it was reported today by Amnesty International, the independent organization that received the Nobel Peace Prize for its international rights campaign.

Amnesty International estimates that there are several thousand political prisoners in the German Democratic Republic (GDR), a high proportion of them serving prison sentences of between one and three years for trying to leave the country without permission, although the GDR authorities deny there is political imprisonment in the GDR. The London-based organization said in a 12-page briefing paper.

About 1,200 men and women prisoners have been released by the East German authorities and expelled to West Germany in return for the delivery of scarce goods to East Germany, it said.

"It does not promote this 'buying-out' scheme or any other form of 'exchange' or 'buying out' of political prisoners," the document said.

Turnover Rate
It added that there is a high turnover rate in the East German cases studied by Amnesty International because as many men and women appear to be arrested and imprisoned as there are releases in any one year.

"Amnesty International has evidence that in many cases where a husband and wife have been imprisoned for political reasons, their children have, against the wishes of the parents, been sent to a children's home or to foster parents," the report said.

"Even when the parents are finally released and expelled to the Federal German Republic, it is not uncommon for the children to be placed in foster families in the GDR," the report said.

Somalis Report Major Advance Against Ethiopia

NAIROBI, Oct. 10 (UPI).—Somali-backed insurgents claimed today that they have reached the outskirts of the largest Ethiopian city north of the disputed Ogaden territory.

At a press conference, monitored in Nairobi, reported that 800 Ethiopian soldiers were killed in heavy fighting last week near Dire Dawa, an industrial center and strategic railroad.

The radio quoted the insurgent newspaper Danab as saying that 500 Ethiopian troops were killed at the town of Harar, three miles from Dire Dawa. A large quantity of arms and ammunition was said to have been captured by the Somalis.

The radio said that 300 Ethiopians, mostly lightly equipped militia, were killed in a battle at the village of Adar Addey, which lies on the road from Dire Dawa to Harar, an ancient walled city in the hills to the southeast. Two U.S. supplied Ethiopian F-5A fighter planes were shot down during the battle, the radio said.

Ethiopia's Addis Ababa radio made no mention of the fighting around Dire Dawa. It reported 90 Somali troops killed in a search-and-destroy mission in Sidamo Province.

New Geneva UN Head
GENEVA, Oct. 10 (UPI).—Luigi Cotiafavi, 60, Italy's ambassador to Iran, was named today to head the U.N.'s European headquarters here.

On Right of 'Intervention'

Panama Aides Seek to Dispel Treaty Doubts in U.S. Senate

By Marlene Simons

PANAMA CITY, Oct. 10 (UPI).—Ranking Panamanian officials seeking to dispel doubts in the U.S. Congress about the Panama Canal treaties have said in recent speeches and interviews that there are no basic differences between Panamanian and U.S. interpretations of key defense provisions of the agreements.

These officials say that the United States could resort to military action to protect the Canal's neutrality once the waterway comes under Panamanian control after the year 2000. They also imply that U.S. warships would be given priority in an emergency.

The apparent contradictions that surfaced in Washington last Tuesday over interpretation of the treaties focus on the word "intervention." That word suggests meddling in internal affairs to most Panamanians and the notion has been angrily rejected by the Panamanian government.

"We have repeated time and again that the United States will not have the right to intervene in the internal affairs of Panama," said Romulo Escobar Bethancourt, chief Panamanian negotiator, declared on television Friday.

"Open, Secure"
"But Panama and the United States have the responsibility to keep the canal open, secure and accessible. And each one has the right to defend the canal," he said.

The question of whether the treaties adequately safeguard future U.S. military rights has become crucial to the Carter administration's drive to win Senate ratification.

Panama is not expected to issue any public clarification of its treaty interpretation until the chief of state, Gen. Omar Torrijos, returns from a European tour next week, high government officials here said.

The thrust of their remarks suggests that U.S. opponents of the treaties "have picked erroneously or maliciously on the word 'intervene' to try to prevent ratification of the treaties in the U.S. Senate, as an official put it.

Right to Access
Carlos Lopez, a member of the Panamanian team that negotiated the agreement, said in a televised interview Thursday that the United States has the right to access to the canal, and when a country's rights are disregarded, that country has the authority to react. It can go to war, or may take reprisals.

"This must be very clear," he continued, "because there is a very clear right conceded to the U.S. and to the entire international community—the right to have the canal always neutral and always open."

A senior Panamanian official, who asked not to be identified, said in an interview: "Of course the United States has the right to take military action. But it is the hardest thing for us that the

Syria Insists on PLO's Right To Be Part of Geneva Talks

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PLO command has decided that it will neither recognize Israel nor establish peace with it. This position was announced by Yassir Arafat, political adviser to Palestinian leader Yassir Arafat, in a rally yesterday at Beirut's Arab University.

Mr. Arafat's aide, regarded as a dove in the PLO, called for the creation of an Israeli-Syrian-Palestinian alliance to confront "the Zionist challenge." This appeared to be a radicalization of positions because up to now Syria and the Palestinians have been allied with Egypt in its peace efforts while Iraq and

Libya have rejected a negotiated peace settlement. Nevertheless, Arab analysts felt there were still chances for the pro-Palestine faction as long as Mr. Arafat remained in close contact with Egyptian President Anwar Sadat. The PLO chairman met with Mr. Sadat yesterday in Cairo for the third time in a week.

Inflexibility Grows
The growing inflexibility on the Arab side was clearly a reaction to Israel's continued intransigence in refusing to deal with the PLO or consider the possibility of a Palestinian state.

It also coincided with Arab press reports on the U.S. proposals which have not been made public. Beirut's usually informed pro-Palestine daily As Safir disclosed yesterday the alleged contents of a message to Mr. Sadat from Egyptian Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmy, who was there in New York.

The message was said to include Washington's latest substantive proposals: • Israel withdrawal from Egyptian territory except the area stretching from Yam, an Israeli settlement on the Mediterranean, and Beit near Sharm el Sheikh on the Gulf of Aqaba.

• Only a "cosmetic withdrawal from Syria's Golan Heights." • The division of the West Bank and Gaza between Israel and Jordan or the establishment of an entity there linked to Jordan.

• A category "no" to the creation of an independent Palestinian state. The PLO's Central Council is expected to meet soon at its headquarters in Damascus to reach a final decision on the Geneva conference. But the Palestinian position was not believed to differ substantially from that of Syria.

Prominent Palestinian leaders have already spoken out to reject the U.S.-Israeli working paper, which would allow non-PLO Palestinians in a unified Arab delegation at Geneva.

Wife to Be Absent On Tito Trip to France
PARIS, Oct. 10 (UPI).—French government officials said today that Yugoslav President Tito will not be accompanied by his wife, Jovanka, during his three-day official visit starting Wednesday.

Officials refused to speculate about the reason for Mrs. Tito's absence. She failed to accompany the Yugoslav leader on his recent trips to Moscow and Peking. Her absence has fanned speculation that Mrs. Tito is either ill or not on good terms with her 85-year-old husband.



Adm. Thomas Moore

Moynihan Splits With Carter Over Mideast Policy Moves

NEW YORK, Oct. 10 (NYT).—Sen. Daniel Moynihan, D-N.Y., charged yesterday that President Carter's administration was creating an atmosphere for legitimizing the Palestine Liberation Organization. He said that the President was "softening" on his own campaign promises to uphold Israel's safety and security.

The senator declared, "There is reason to believe that there are those in the Department of State who believe that the American commitment to Israel has become strategically ill-advised, although it remains from the domestic point of view politically unworkable."

For the first time, Sen. Moynihan broke with the Carter administration on a foreign-policy issue to criticize the moves of the last 10 days that seek to reconvene the Geneva conference on the Middle East.

He delivered what he described as "a major statement concerning recent developments in the Middle East" at a meeting here of the American Council for Emigré in the Professions.

Harsh Evaluation
The senator called the Oct. 1 Soviet-U.S. communiqué on conference aims "Marxist-Leninist Russian translated into what might be called United Nations English." While Mr. Carter and Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan of Israel had followed this last Wednesday with a joint statement reaffirming their countries' commitments to each other, Sen. Moynihan said:

"Reassuring statements by Israel that everything has been fixed up are not especially reassuring. For Israel is a small state, terribly dependent upon the United States."

"Its government must think long and hard before it may contradict in private or public a President's assertion that the United States is still steadfast in its support."

He quoted Mr. Carter's statement to the UN last Tuesday that "the legitimate rights of the Palestinians must be recognized." The senator said that these were "the totalitarian code words for the destruction of Israel."

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Rhodesia Reports 26 Rebels Killed
SALISBURY, Rhodesia, Oct. 10 (UPI).—The military command said yesterday that Rhodesian troops had killed 26 black nationalist guerrillas and a guerrilla recruit since Thursday.

It gave no details on the slayings but said "large quantities of terrorist war material have been seized" in Rhodesia.

A communiqué also said: "Terrorists have murdered a trail head and razed a krell to the ground. A krell is a cluster of huts occupied by Africans."

Fahmy, Giscard Meet
PARIS, Oct. 10 (UPI).—Egyptian Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmy met today with President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing to give him information on his recent talks with President Carter and Mr. Vance.

In Congressional Testimony

Canal Pacts Endorsed in U.S. By 2 of 3 Military Ex-Chiefs

By John M. Goshko

WASHINGTON, Oct. 10 (UPI).—Three former top-ranking U.S. military leaders gave their views on the Panama Canal treaties today—two endorsing the proposed agreements and the third calling for their rejection.

The conflicting opinions came from Gen. Maxwell Taylor and Adm. Thomas Moore, both former chairmen of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Adm. Elmo Zumwalt Jr., retired chief of naval operations.

In testimony before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, the three agreed that the canal will continue to be of vital importance to the defense of the United States. But they differed sharply about whether U.S. military needs will be added or injured by transferring eventual control over the canal to Panama.

Adm. Moore, an outspoken opponent of the treaties, argued that continued U.S. ownership is "synonymous" with effective control of the canal and the ability to move warships quickly between the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans.

Soviet Presence
Charging that the Panamanian government, headed by Gen. Omar Torrijos, is openly leftist in its sympathies, Adm. Moore warned: "Do not be surprised, if the treaty is ratified in its present form, to see a Soviet and/or a Cuban presence quickly established in the country of Panama."

However, both Gen. Taylor and Adm. Zumwalt took the opposite tack. They argued that continued U.S. control would perpetuate a colonial relationship that would aggravate leftist, anti-U.S. sentiment in Latin America and make the canal increasingly vulnerable to sabotage and terrorist attacks.

"There will be a lot of cheers in Moscow and Havana," Adm. Zumwalt said in reference to the possibility of the Senate refusing to give the treaties the two-thirds margin of 67 votes required for ratification.

'Good News'
Gen. Taylor added: "Turbulence is always good news to Moscow—so are American blunders. Let us hope we do not give the Kremlin chiefs the occasion to rejoice which our rejection of these treaties would undoubtedly afford."

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Radicals Storm Tokyo Airport
TOKYO, Oct. 10 (AP).—30 helmeted student radicals stormed into the new Tokyo International Airport, outside Tokyo yesterday and destroyed two-room guard quarters firebombs, police said.

Police said that the fire damaged some parked vehicles nearby. The radicals fled the raid, and no casualties were reported, authorities said.

Police said that more than 8,000 demonstrators gathered a park outside the airport Naita, 50 miles northeast of Tokyo, for a rally to oppose opening of the airport, expected this year. Six thousand police were mobilized to guard against possible violence.

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Mobile Weapons' Role Debated S. Missile Plans May Hint Shift From Deterrence Policy

By Drew Middleton

NEW YORK, Oct. 10 (NYT).—The Carter administration's plan to develop mobile missile systems may signal a change in the Pentagon's philosophy of nuclear war. The new emphasis is on a "peaceful deterrence of war," "Peace of Mind" is an Air Force slogan.

The deployment of 300 M-X missiles some time in the next few years could represent a shift from deterrence toward a policy of "peace of mind."

The Air Force holds that the M-X missile is necessary because an accurate Soviet ICBM makes the U.S. Minuteman missile the most advanced strategic force, vulnerable to attack.

Longer Survival
The Air Force also contends that the M-X missile is necessary because it is more capable of survival than the Minuteman.

David Jones, the Air Force chief of staff, said, "I think it is a long time before they will be able to do that."

Gen. Alton Gray, the Air Force's chief of research and development, told the House Appropriations Committee recently that "we already have on the books 123 Minuteman-3 missiles."

Deployment of the M-X would increase the capability of the U.S. strategic missile force to hit more targets in the Soviet Union. The Air Force is convinced that the M-X missile will increase the survivability of their missile force by hardening their missile force, but have dispersed those missiles as "economic recovery" facilities.

The term refers to factories and plants that would help the U.S. recover from a nuclear strike.

There is the Air Force claims, "hardening of modern weapons" to hit hardened Soviet targets such as missile silos. The Air Force asks: Does the United States need that capability in a retaliatory strike, or is the Air Force's role to be a deterrent?

Force thinking of a first strike against Soviet nuclear weapons? The M-X is larger than present Minuteman-3 missiles and can deliver more nuclear warheads—up to 14, according to the Pentagon. Moreover, it will be considerably more accurate. However, U.S. missile technology is already considered to be well ahead of that in the Soviet Union, as a result of recent improvements.

"We have made tremendous technical progress since SALITY in our missile force," Gen. George Brown, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said recently.

Most intelligence analysts agree that the United States has held a clear advantage over the Russians, who only recently have deployed missiles with built-in computers for midcourse flight control.

The U.S. intelligence community estimates that Soviet ICBMs, including the new SS-17, SS-18 and SS-19, are generally less reliable than the Minuteman-3 and require a longer period of preparation for launching.

According to the Air Force, the readiness of U.S. missiles is very close to 100 per cent, whereas the readiness of the Soviet missiles is estimated to be far lower.

Navy Missiles Mobile
The M-X decision raises another question: If mobility is the prime factor, as the Air Force claims, why is an investment of more than \$80 billion necessary when the Navy already deploys 656 submarine-launched ballistic missiles in 41 boats?

This force, the Navy's share of the nuclear triad of bombers, ICBMs and undersea missiles, is not only highly mobile but, according to Navy estimates, far less easy to detect than the Soviet nuclear missile-carrying submarines.

The U.S. force of submarine-launched ballistic missiles will be reinforced in the next decade by 10 boats of the Ohio class. These will carry 24 Trident-1 missiles with a range of 4,600 miles.

The Trident-1 will be followed by the Trident-2, a missile with a range of more than 6,000 miles. The Navy also is testing sea-launched Cruise missiles that can be fired from attack submarines' torpedo tubes.

The Air Force at the same time is developing its Cruise missile, to be launched from aircraft. The M-X may be, as some of its advocates argue, the ultimate nuclear weapon. However, the question that will be asked by opponents of an expanding defense budget is why it is needed in view of the development of the less expensive Cruise and Trident missiles.



MAIL COLUMBIA—Costumed paraders run past copy of the Pinta during Sunday's 13th annual Columbus Day parade to celebrate Spain's sponsorship of Christopher Columbus' 1492 voyage. Despite a steady rainfall, hundreds of Hispanic Americans representing 22 Spanish-speaking countries marched up New York's Fifth Avenue in their native garb. Holiday is celebrated on nearest weekend to Oct. 12.

Families Ask U.S. Court Backing Sterilization of 3 Retarded Girls Is Sought

By Diane Henry

HARTFORD, Conn., Oct. 10 (NYT).—In a suit that runs counter to the widespread efforts of the public, courts and government in recent years to halt all sterilizations of children and all sterilizations of retarded children, the parents of three severely retarded young girls are waging a compelling fight here to have the operation performed on their children.

Everyone involved in the case—the lawyers on both sides, the hospital that is refusing permission to operate and the doctors—agrees that the operation would be beneficial. At issue is an emerging body of law that has been used effectively to protect the rights of the retarded and to end sterilization abuses.

The girls, all of whom go to a school for the blind in Hartford, are listed in court documents as Susan Ruby, Valerie Diamond and Lynn Pearl, but the names are fictitious to protect the privacy of the girls and their families.

Lynn is 15, blind, retarded, epileptic and has little useful speech. She is a very docile teenager who likes to play on a Pogo stick. With supervision and assistance she can dress herself.

Valerie is 13, blind and deaf as well as severely retarded, according to court testimony. Her mother contracted rubella (German measles) when pregnant with Valerie. The girl has frequent episodes of bed-wetting and can dress herself only with continuous prompting. She can feed herself, but often forgets to chew. She is a diabetic, and she is self-abusive.

Susan, 12, whose mother also contracted rubella, is blind, deaf and retarded. The principal of her school for the blind has testified that Susan is a "particularly strong and violent little girl" who bites, hits and kicks other children and sometimes adults. She has poor toilet hygiene and cannot dress alone.

Medical Support
Dr. Newton Osborne, a gynecologist for the University of Connecticut Hospital, which is refusing to perform the operation, said that the surgery was "medically indicated."

The families have been turned away from several private Connecticut hospitals as well.

Thwarting them in their two-year legal struggle have been the tremendous gains made by the champions of individual freedoms and rights who have won many successes in trying to protect the mentally retarded, especially the approximately 5 million retarded who are capable of functioning in society, often working for salaries and marrying. By comparison, there are only about 300,000 severely or profoundly retarded people in the country, according to the Association for Retarded Citizens.

The discovery of sterilization abuses, beginning in 1973 with a scandal involving two black girls aged 12 and 14 who had been involuntarily sterilized in Alabama, led to a public cry to end all sterilizations that did not have the individual's consent. The reforms followed.

"It's a fascinating constitutional conflict," said John McKenna, the hospital's attorney. He has cited many cases in his arguments that upheld the rights of retarded children. But he added that there was no question that the hospital would honor the parents' request if a legal solution could be found.

In the arguments for sterilization, there are in the court documents many testimonials that these children cannot be expected to take or manage birth control methods and that they would never be able to cope with pregnancy. But seemingly of even greater concern to those who work with the children is the common assessment that menarche will compound the difficulties of their already crippled lives.

The planned surgical procedure is a hysterectomy, the removal of the uterus. The girls would not be able to conceive or menstruate.

Menstrual Trauma
Only Susan has begun to menstruate and school officials testified that this has been extremely traumatic for her. Anne Lesser of Oak Hill School in Hartford said that the staff noticed when Susan was menstruating that she became "more irritable and seems to be more easily frustrated in her simple learning tasks... her attention span is shorter and she is more likely to thrash around aimlessly. We are certain she is losing some educational opportunities because of these periods."

Judith Mears, attorney for the families, told the court that because Susan did not comprehend what was happening to her during menstruation or when it would end, her tantrums were so severe she "sometimes has to be restrained during these periods."

After two years of considering all the legal arguments and the pleas of the family, Federal Judge Joseph Blumenfeld said that he was "inclined to give relief here" to the family. But he is obviously still perplexed by the legal conflict and has ordered lawyers to research more state law, some of which he suggested himself, which might resolve the problem.

"I propose... to put somebody's feet to the fire. I just don't know what kind of fire or whose feet," Judge Blumenfeld said.

On Attack Victim, 20 Penis Reimplantation Done in U.S.

By Victor Cohn

ATLANTA, Oct. 10 (WP).—A young man's penis, amputated in an act of revenge, has been reattached here by surgeons who hope they have restored to the youth a fully working organ.

The seven-hour operation, performed three weeks ago by a team of Emory University surgeons, began six hours after the 20-year-old student at a college near Atlanta was allegedly attacked by the estranged husband of a woman the youth had been seeing. The surgeons used powerful microscopes to aid them in the operation.

The treatment—if it is successful, which may take months to know—could be a triumph. There have been only three successful reimplantations of severed male sex organs reported in medical history.

Two of the successful operations took place last year, one at Nare Medical University in Japan in June and the other at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston in August.

Surgery in Trenton
Another apparently successful operation was performed last April in Trenton, N.J.

The weapon that was used early in the morning of Sept. 15 on the college student was a butcher knife.

For some time, according to Georgia Bureau of Investigation agent Mike Carruthers, a student had been dating the estranged wife of a 24-year-old laborer.

On the night of Sept. 14, the laborer allegedly set out with his half-brother—an 18-year-old who looked up to the older brother—as an athlete in a borrowed truck. The older brother was intoxicated either on drugs or alcohol and carried a pistol and the knife, Mr. Carruthers said.

Back Door
The two entered the apartment of the student by a back door just after midnight. The younger brother allegedly held the gun on the student's roommate while the laborer went into the bedroom where the student was studying, choked him into unconsciousness, tied him up and then performed the mutilation.

According to the police, the brothers next choked the roommate into unconsciousness, then left. The injured student awoke, managed to untie himself, clasp towels to his wound to staunch the bleeding and revived his roommate, who drove him to the college infirmary.

The student and the amputated organ were taken to a hospital 20 miles away. A urologist there

phoned a friend, Dr. David O'Brien, a urologic surgeon at Emory University, to say he was speeding the young man and covered organ—which was carefully wrapped and chilled—to Emory.

Dr. O'Brien called Emory plastic surgeon Luis Vascones, a native of Ecuador, who had adopted the new microtechniques for the many delicate reassemblies that plastic surgeons do.

Recent Literature
Dr. O'Brien was doing another operation that night, a kidney transplant. But he found time to scan the recent literature on penis transplants.

Dr. Vascones also had read the recent articles. "It was fortunate," he said. "And the boy had a two-hour trip here. So we had time to plan."

The patient arrived at Emory Hospital at 5:30 a.m. By 6:15, he was in the operating room. He was conscious and calm and, while he had lost some blood, was in generally good condition. The surgeon's knife had been sharp, so the cut was clean, which meant that at least some of the internal parts could be seen.

A Cross Section
Because of the nature of the cut, the internal parts were seen in cross section, as in an anatomical drawing. "And the surgeon's job was, in effect, to complete the drawing—to probe, find and then try to rejoin the finer structures."

Dr. Vascones worked very slowly. The sewing of veins and arteries, some a little less than four-hundredths of an inch across, was painstaking and tedious. Dr. O'Brien, Dr. Vascones and four assistants traded tasks back and forth.

Six surgeons in all did some of the work as the morning progressed. There were also two anesthesiologists and four or five nurses at various times.

At 1:15 p.m., the operation was completed. The patient—who is bearing up well under the circumstances, the doctors say—is still urinating through a catheter in the healing urethra and another catheter in his lower abdomen.

"All we can say is that the procedure has been successful so far," Dr. O'Brien said. There is a good chance, the doctor said, that the student will be sexually competent.

The half-brothers who allegedly entered the student's apartment were arrested on Sept. 21. The laborer, who pleaded guilty to breaking and entering, assault and battery with intent to kill, assault and battery of a high and aggravated nature and mayhem, was sentenced last Friday to life plus 45 years in prison by a South Carolina judge. The assault took place in South Carolina, just over the Georgia state line. The half-brother's case is pending.

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U.S. Bobcats Threatened as Pelts Become Substitute for Leopard

WASHINGTON, Oct. 10 (UPI).—A European taste for fur coats has jeopardized the future of the bobcat, long considered nothing more than a pest in the United States.

Now individual states and the U.S. authority on endangered species are moving to protect the species, according to a National Wildlife Federation study.

The federation said the animal, currently unprotected in many states, is a prime candidate to replace the skins of other animals which are protected as endangered species.

Bobcat skins are yellow with black spots. European furriers consider them a substitute to the skins of leopards, a species protected by an international agreement.

The price of bobcat pelts has risen to about \$150.

William Brown, the U.S. endangered species scientific authority, has barred the export of bobcat pelts taken after Aug. 30. He estimated that exporters sell about \$10 million worth of bobcat furs each year.

**Arter Asks Bell for Study
Extending ERA Deadline**

By Anthony Marro

WASHINGTON, Oct. 10 (NYT).—Sen. Arter Griffith Bell yesterday said the Justice Department was researching the issue of whether it was possible to extend the seven-year limit for ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment, which he approved by three more before it can become a part of the Constitution.

Historically, most proposed amendments to the Constitution have included provisions setting a seven-year time limit on ratification. The Equal Rights Amendment, however, is different: the seven-year limit is not part of the amendment proper, but of the resolution under which it was introduced in Congress.

At question, a Justice Department official said, is whether the fact that the limit is not part of the amendment proper allows it to be altered.

Mr. Bell also went to some lengths to praise the FBI, which has been heavily criticized in Congress and the news media in recent years.

"The bureau may be the best agency in the government," he said. "I often wonder what would happen if we put the same searchlight on other agencies [that] we do on the bureau."

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MXing Up SALT

While President Carter has been working toward a new agreement with Moscow to limit strategic missiles, the Air Force has been burrowing away in the Pentagon with plans for a new giant and mobile missile. If it should ever see daylight, it will profoundly change American strategic policy and increase the risk that a diplomatic crisis might escalate to nuclear war.

The subterranean image is appropriate. Each huge "MX" (meaning "missile, experimental") and its launching crew would travel through a concrete tunnel a dozen miles or so in length. It would, when launched, burst through the surface at some surprise spot along the tunnel.

MX is a response to two possible threats and an alleged need. One threat is to our present force of land-based missiles (ICBMs). In some rather implausible scenarios, which assume a perfectly executed massive Soviet attack, they might all be destroyed in their underground silos. The second threat is to the Air Force's job—and jobs. One way to respond to the increasing vulnerability of our present ICBM force would be to place a larger proportion of missiles on virtually invulnerable submarines. But given Carter's decision not to build the B1 bomber, de-emphasizing the land-based missile force would leave the Air Force with no new major strategic weapons system—a real threat to any military bureaucracy.

The alleged need as defined by the Air Force is for a very large missile capable of destroying Soviet land-based missiles in their fortified silos. Since the Russians rely more heavily on large land-based missiles—they represent some 70 per cent of Soviet strategic power compared with only 25 per cent for the United States—MX would amount to a first-strike weapon. A force of 300 MXs could destroy the entire Soviet land-based force in half an hour.

Imagine a moment of escalating tension: Moscow would face the dilemma of either

firing first or risking the destruction of its missiles in the ground. The Air Force contends it needs such threatening missiles to match those the Soviet Union is now deploying. But so long as the bulk of American weapons is invulnerable to a first strike, no national Soviet leader would attempt it. So there is no reasonable case for a new family of heavy American missiles like the proposed MX. That leaves the question of whether to deploy smaller missiles in mobile form, at much less cost.

The political puzzle is how the hugely expensive MX, each costing about \$100 million, has got so far. Last year the Senate Armed Services Committee—a body hardly unsympathetic to military requests—asked the secretary of defense for a full study of the future of the land-missile force and its role in American strategic policy. The committee stipulated that the conclusions "should represent presidential policy." The study has not been made.

It is clear, however, that it is not Carter's policy—as it was not his predecessors'—to pose a first-strike threat to Soviet nuclear forces. Moreover, the President hopes that arms control agreements will ban all mobile missiles, for once deployed they could not easily be counted and limited.

Last week it became known that Secretary of Defense Harold Brown had tentatively recommended "full-scale" development funds for MX. His spokesman denied that the recommendation was merely a "bargaining chip" to be traded away in the present SALT negotiations. Even if it is, the President should reject the idea. Today's bargaining chips have a disturbing tendency to become tomorrow's arms control problems. The last "chip" was the Cruise missile, now causing serious difficulties for arms control. Once again, technology seems to be driving policy—and driving it in the wrong direction.

THE NEW YORK TIMES.

How U.S. Retirement Should Work

The graying of the United States has transformed politics and it is about to transform the nation's retirement policy. Last month, with uncommon speed and near-unanimity, the House voted to lift the mandatory retirement age from 65 to 70 and to eliminate mandatory retirement altogether for employees of the federal government.

The Senate is now pondering the same measure, but its bill would still permit the mandatory retirement at 65 of teachers and high-paid executives to meet the fears of schools and corporations that younger talent would be denied employment and advancement. Many businessmen remain opposed to the legislation because of the uncertain consequences for pension arrangements and personnel policies. Unions are opposed because they fear higher unemployment among younger workers. The administration, also worried about unemployment, is lukewarm.

Some of the concern arises from the confusion of two distinct policy issues in one bill. To eliminate all age limits on work is one question; to raise the age for mandatory retirement to 70 is another.

The opposition to any age limit on work is, clearly, appealing in principle. The courts and Congress have established that the right to a job should be determined only by ability and not by color or sex—until a person turns 65. Now the idea is dawning that this is both arbitrary and discriminatory. In a recent poll, 85 per cent of those questioned agreed that "nobody should be forced to retire because of age if he or she wants to continue working and is still able to do a good job." That well explains the political momentum behind the demands for change, not only in Congress but in many states and inside many businesses. If Congress fails to address the situation, the courts probably will.

Poignant arguments accompany the demand. Many people feel no automatic loss of ability or capacity at age 65. That age crept into social custom and law because Bismarck used it for a public retirement program in Germany in the late 19th century—when life expectancy was much shorter than today. The age was borrowed by Social Security in the 1930s and it is common today in pension and retirement plans. Incalculable human talent—and spirit—has been wasted as able workers have been forced into premature idleness. Now that most people live well beyond 65, while the value of their pensions declines dramatically with inflation, the problem has been greatly compounded.

But the attractive principle of judging every worker individually must not be hastily enacted, for two reasons. First, it would unsettle existing work arrangements throughout the country in wholly unpredictable ways. No one can be sure of the financial and social costs. Second, the principle has a

disruptive corollary: If workers are to be judged individually on merit at retirement time, they will inevitably come to be judged more severely throughout their careers, perhaps losing the virtual tenure and job security that have been acquired over recent decades—and not just on campuses.

Employers typically give workers a test run on a job for a relatively few years, or even months. After that, firings are rare even where competence and productivity are in doubt. In part, this tenure tradition persists because employers can count on a terminal date for the retirement of inferior workers. If workers come to be judged on merit and productivity in later life, they will face less lenient judgment in earlier life as well.

In light of these competing rights, it would be irresponsible to legislate a principle before the consequences are understood. Fortunately, a major experiment is at hand. California has recently abolished all mandatory retirement. Congress should await the results before imposing the experiment on the entire nation or the federal government.

Extending the productive work years to age 70 would be just as arbitrary as the past fascination with 65. But given the changes in life expectancy and the social value of moving toward a system that weighs individual merit and capacity, it is an attractive proposition.

No one really knows how many workers would claim the extension; the trend in recent years has been toward earlier retirement, not later. What people seem to want most, and deserve, is greater choice. The savings that business firms might make on pension funds from later retirements could perhaps be invested in incentives for the earlier retirement of workers who lose their effectiveness. In no event should the legal opportunity to work until 70 diminish workers' financial opportunity to retire sooner. That would be peddling backward in the name of progress. Congress needs time and care to weigh this factor.

Congress should also give employers with union contracts at least two years, as proposed, to examine the consequences of a change and to renegotiate retirement features. The secretary of labor, with particular responsibility for reducing unemployment, should retain the power he now has to authorize earlier mandatory retirement whenever the national standard causes social hardship.

Recognizing the merits of a move away from mandatory retirement at 65—or, indeed, any automatic age—we urge Congress to accept the principle and to place the country on notice of a change to 70. At least a year for planning the transition, however, is essential; two years are probably desirable. The available experience could then be absorbed and incorporated into the law.

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Seventy-Five Years Ago

October 11, 1902

ROME—Again one of the glories of Rome has changed hands, the Villa Borghese having been purchased by the government and the King. The government contribution was 3 million lire (£120,000), King Victor Emmanuel finding the rest of the money required by the creditors of the Borghese family. The villa will be presented to the City of Rome and the King intends to erect a statue to his father.

Fifty Years Ago

October 11, 1927

BUFFALO, N.Y.—The most overworked and exploited members of our society are the working-class mothers of two or more children," said Prof. Paul H. Douglas of Chicago University at a conference on family life. "We have been concerned with the protection of women who work in stores and factories," Prof. Douglas said, "but we have tended to forget the lot of working-class mothers in the home."



Meaning What You Say

By Anthony Lewis

NEW YORK—In the winter of 1976, as he moved toward the nomination, Jimmy Carter was asked in an interview what he would do about Vietnam war resisters. He stated out his position in these words:

"In the area of the country where I live, defecting from the military service is almost unheard of. Most of the young people in my section of Georgia are quite poor. They didn't know where Sweden was, they didn't know how to get to Canada, they didn't have money to hide in college."

"So for a long time it was hard for me to address the question in objective fashion, but I think it's time to get the Vietnamese war over with. I don't have any desire to punish anyone. I'd just like to tell the young folks who did defect to come back home, the whole thing's over."

To some people who were making up their minds about Jimmy Carter, that answer meant a good deal. It indicated that he was a man of compassion, and a man who understood himself well enough to learn. He held to the position through the campaign.

This past weekend President Carter signed into law a bill that strips much of the compassion from one part of the program he put into effect as promised, his first week in office. The law will deny veterans' benefits to many of the ex-servicemen whose discharges have been upgraded under the program, among them some men who had long service in Vietnam and were even decorated before getting into trouble.

No Veto

White House aides explained that the President did not like the bill but was afraid Congress would pass something worse if he vetoed that. That calculation may be right. Even so, his signature sends a message: On a matter of human concern, closely identified with him, Jimmy Carter chose not to fight.

If only Vietnam were involved, with the special emotions it still denotes, the episode could be written off as of limited significance. But what Carter did on this nasty little bill may be symptomatic of something more general and more troubling. To put it bluntly, there is a growing sense of uncertainty about what really matters to him.

He proclaims new policy of reducing American arms sales abroad. Then, in the four months following the proclamation, he approves sales of more than \$4 billion.

He cancels the B-1 on the ground, among others, that Cruise missiles will be more effective than a new manned strategic bomber. Then he agrees to an appropriation of \$20 million to explore converting the F-111 into a strategic bomber.

He insists that continued regulation of natural gas prices is essential. Then he lets the senators filibustering to that end be squashed without the courtesy of being told about the change in tactics.

The sense of uncertainty about the depth of his commitments could have extremely serious consequences for Carter in Congress. For politicians see no point in taking risks for a leader who says something is vital to him but may not mean it.

The B-1 provides a current example of the danger. When the President made his bold decision to cancel it, some Democratic congressmen from districts where the bomber or components were

to be made resisted local pressure and supported him. Their help was crucial; a move to force continued production lost by just three votes in the House. Now Carter's apparent willingness to consider another bomber has left them politically exposed. The House is due to vote again soon on the B-1, and this time it could go the other way.

In short, some members of Congress are getting the idea that when Jimmy Carter says he really cares about something, he may not mean it. I think that feeling has a lot to do with the President's mounting political troubles. If he allows it to take hold, his whole program—energy, tax reform, arms control and more—will be in jeopardy.

The White House might say, in defense, that Carter must deal with some rough characters on Capitol Hill. That is true. There is plenty of evidence these days of a mean, peevish spirit in Congress. Some of the same people who want to punish Viet-

From the 'Roof of the World'

By David S. Broder

LHASA, Tibet—And now, as the saying goes, for something completely different. An American political reporter, who has been accustomed to think of Slab Fork, W. Va., as an exotic destination, is likely to go berserk when offered a chance to write from "the roof of the world."

Do not expect this scribbler to resist temptation. Tibet is a wonderful place to visit and, after a stay limited to three days, the temptation is strong to say you would not mind living here. The mountains are magnificent. The weather in this 12,000-foot-high valley is so mild that you can shed your early-morning sweater well before noon. The air is so pure and the sun so bright that in two days you have a deep tan.

Beyond that, there is the priceless art produced in the court of the Dalai Lamas and preserved by the Communist masters of today. Tibet—a richness of color, fabric, tapestry, fresco and gold beyond description. Unfortunately, you cannot just call up your travel agent and say, "Book me on the next tour to Tibet."

Lowell Thomas, the world traveler who is a member of this party, was "the last American out" in 1949, two years before the Chinese moved in and made Tibet an "autonomous region" ruled from Peking. Last year, the door was opened for the first time to a party headed by James Schlesinger. This group is headed by George Bush, the former head of the U.S. Liaison Office in Peking.

For reasons best known to themselves, the Chinese have built the airstrip serving Lhasa more than 50 miles northwest of the city. You alight from the Ilyushin aircraft that has brought you from Chengtu and head off on a two-hour drive that provides an indelible introduction to this hidden land.

Beneath the brilliant blue sky and the distant snow-capped mountains, the dominant color of the landscape is brown. Bare cliffs rise from 1,000 to 5,000 feet from the valley floor. Giant boulders spill from their sides.

The land is rocky and barren with clumps of brush, like the high country of western Montana or Wyoming. But there is plenty of water in the valley floor, with rivers collecting the streams that flow down from the mountains. Along the riverbanks grow willows, their green and gold providing a needed touch of color. The road is dirt-bumpy and muddy. At points it is pinned between the cliffs and the river in a series of hairpin turns.

Where a washout has occurred, the passengers climb out, while the "Bushes" Red Flag limousine and the smaller Shanghai sedans for the others are maneuvered to safety. At other places, the valley broadens, and fields of cabbages and barley, orchards and grazing land line both sides of the road.

The first signs of life are rude habitations—stone and mud, with thatched roofs and stone fireplaces in the fields. Then you see the Tibetan peasants, dark-faced men and women with bright teeth. You share the road with yaks and cattle, sheep and goats, donkeys, small Tibetan ponies with red pompoms in their bridles, and ugly bristle-haired pigs.

A solemn-faced boy, riding bareback, that has brought you from Chengtu and head off on a two-hour drive that provides an indelible introduction to this hidden land.

It is a scene from a storybook, and you long to stop for a photograph. But the conveyer—military jeep or bus—does not slow its pace. Along the way, there are signs of the change the Chinese have brought since they ended the rule of the god-king who resisted all technology, even a simple wheeled cart.

A telephone line parallels the road. There are two tractors in the field, a new bridge across the river, compounds for Chinese migrants, with concrete barracks and tin roofs that shine in the sun.

As you near Lhasa, the dirt turns to cobblestones, then pavement. You pass a cement plant, make a curve, and there is the Potala—the Dalai Lama's hilltop palace, dating from the 7th century. Across the lawn facade is stretched a red banner, exhorting the workers to greater efforts in the spirit of Chairman Mao and Hua. It is a fitting symbol of the ancient theology and the new Communist state that co-exist so uneasily in this exotic corner of the world.

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John Dornberg

From Munich:

To portray West Germany as being on the brink of a Nazi renaissance... is patently absurd. But...

MUNICH—The question has certainly been asked frequently in the past and usually answered with a categorical "no." Is there a danger of neo-Nazism or an anti-Semitic revival in West Germany?

It was raised again recently following disclosures about incidents involving 11 young Neutants at the Bundeswehr University in the Munich suburb of Neuburg.

During a drinking party there last February, the officers—all 20 to 21-year-old high school graduates studying for college-level degrees—allegedly sang the Nazi party's "Horst Wessel" song, shouted "Sieg Heil" and symbolically cremated Jews by throwing pieces of cardboard with the word "Jew" scribbled on them into a fire.

That incident, followed by another in April involving swastikas smeared on a term paper, was covered up by school officials and did not become public until 10 days ago when a Frankfurt daily reported it.

Though the Defense Ministry launched an immediate investigation and the Neutants have been suspended from duty pending disciplinary hearings which could lead to discharge from service, the official inclination has been to dismiss the matter as a "drunken act by immature young soldiers with a deplorable deficit of historical information and understanding."

That is probably a fitting description.

Commentary

Coincidentally, it is also a sad commentary about West Germany's educational system which, despite improvements in lesson plans and the contents of textbooks, has continued to skirt teaching about the causal relationships of modern German history. Hitler's rise to power, the Third Reich, and the crimes committed in Germany's name.

However, the Neuburg affair is not the first to raise disturbing questions about the Bundeswehr or its officers. One need only recall last year's scandal when ex-Luftwaffe Colonel Hans Ulrich Rudel, Hitler's "favorite officer" and known since the war for his espousal of extreme rightist causes, was invited as an honored guest to a "tradition-inspiring" reunion at an air force base.

In defending Rudel's presence, two generals—subsequently sacked by Defense Minister Georg Leber—said that ex-Nazi Rudel "has as much right to speak in public as ex-Communists now in parliament." They specifically named Herbert Wehner, the

Social Democratic party's leader in the Bundestag.

Disturbing as such incidents may be, it would be wrong regard them as symptomatic trends or attitudes in West Germany's postwar army of "officers in uniform." But are they reflective of the society as a whole?

Unfortunately there have been other recent indications that the near-hysterical hunt for terrorists and radicals of the extreme left, West German public opinion and too many politicians, inclined to turn a blind eye to the threat from the far right.

That threat, to be sure, is minimal. More so, perhaps, than one posed by the terrorists, though they number only a hundred hard-core activists—an estimated 1,000 sympathizers have managed to infiltrate and dominate the headlines and the government to the brain paralysis.

The Vote

Moreover, to keep matters proper perspective, it is well recall that in last year's general election the three main democratic parties—Social, Free Christian—together polled more than 90.1 per cent of the vote whereas the 14 splinter parties also on the left had to divide the remaining tenths of a per cent between them.

Of those radical parties, two largest—the Communists, the extreme-rightist National Democrats (NPD)—each polled only three-tenths of a per cent.

For the NPD in particular was a striking decline, he obtained more than 4 per cent and coming within a hair's breadth of winning only three elections and years ago.

Today, close to bankruptcy, the NPD is virtually defunct, an own claim of 10,000 members probably an exaggeration.

But despite that, encourage, some worrisome trends remain.

What happened to the 14 West Germans who for the NPD in 1968? For did they vote in 1972 and where are they currently? Is their political activity pursuing their political goals?

Some, it appears, are active clandestine neo-Nazi groups groupings which thus far shown no ambition to go beyond being an ally.

According to various estimates there are 140 such extreme and neo-Nazi organizations NPD among them, with membership of around 18,000.

The Signs

While this would represent significant decline from the 1960s when membership judged to be more than 100 some 40,000 alone in ultra-nationalist and radical-right groups—numbers alone do tell the entire story.

There are signs that their berserker, after reaching a peak, is again increasing, becoming younger, and that the group seeking links to neo-Nazi neo-fascist organizations of West Germany, especially in the United States.

They have become more militant, strident and overtly Semitic in their pronouncements more conspiratorial in their and, above all, more violent!

Incidents of street battles on the rise, so are cases suits on journalists who tried to report on the gatherings, either in rented halls or outdoors.

Use of weapons and explosives by radical rightists has grown, as has their penchant wearing uniforms and displaying symbols or slightly modified versions of them.

To portray West Germany being on the brink of a Nazi renaissance, as some West penn observers have done some months, is patently absurd. But for West Germans serves to ignore the symptoms and the signs of the extreme left.

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to Revive Economy

Chinese Workers to Receive First Pay Rise Since 1950s

By Fox Butterfield

HONG KONG, Oct. 10 (UPI).—Chinese workers will soon get their first wage rises since the 1950s, Chinese officials say, part of Peking's major efforts to revive the country's economy and speed modernization.

The move is one of the most sweeping and controversial since China's new leaders have taken since the death last year of Mao Tse-tung and the subsequent arrest of the country's radical leaders. Mao had long opposed the use of material incentives as being a form of capitalism.

There is a discontent among factory workers over the long freeze on wages and the abolition of bonuses in the Cultural Revolution. Analysts here think not only the total wage increase will probably add only \$1 billion or \$2 billion to China's gross national product of about \$300 billion.

Another problem some economists have cited is that the pay increase will tend to divert scarce investment resources away from other important sectors of the economy, like agricultural mechanization, purchases of foreign technology or modernization of the army. However, if the wage rises do succeed in stimulating the workers and lead to faster economic growth, that problem would take care of itself.

Perhaps the greatest danger is that the pay increases might widen the gap between the city and the countryside which Mao had long been working to close. The raises are only one of several policy changes that could have this effect. Another is the decision to re-emphasize quality education, science and technology, and to allow talented students to go directly to college without having to spend several years working on farms.

Extent of Coverage
Overall, according to Li Hsien-shan, a deputy premier and financial specialist, 50 to 60 per cent of the urban work force will be covered by the increases. Only about 20 per cent of China's 900 million people live in the cities.

Mr. Li, in an interview in the Wall Street Journal last week, said the raises will average somewhat less than 15 to 20 per cent, with workers in the lowest two grades and many others in the biggest jump in pay. The raises account for the biggest jump in pay, according to information given to other foreign reporters recently.

In general, Chinese factory workers earn between 40 and 110 yuan a month, about \$22 to \$61. A worker's wage grade is based on a combination of his skill, seniority in the factory and his political attitude.

The decision to raise wages has been under intense debate for much of the last year. It aroused sharp opposition from radicals in the Chinese press, who suggested that some workers have viewed increases as a proper material incentive.

Analysts here believe the current limited increases may be the result of a compromise decision designed to give the economy a kick shot in the arm now, while questions of overall industrial management and incentives policy are kept open for further discussion.

Question of Incentive
Moreover, although the current raises do constitute a material incentive on the surface, at the same time, because the top grades will not receive pay increases, they narrow the differential between the highest and lowest paid. Hence, Peking's policy-makers can assert they are actually moving to eliminate incentives, a Maoist goal.

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ment entitled "Some Problems in Speeding Up Industrial Development." At the time, Mr. Teng was severely criticized as a rightist for the views expressed in the study.

The decision to raise wages now raises several critical questions for China. One is whether the pay increases will tend to be inflationary. Over the last 25 years China has largely—but not entirely—avoided inflation through government control of prices and wages.

Inflation and GNP
But if a large number of workers suddenly receive a wage increase without a concomitant expansion in the supply of consumer goods on which to spend their money, would this be inflationary? Analysts here think not, since the total wage increase will probably add only \$1 billion or \$2 billion to China's gross national product of about \$300 billion.

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GROUND—Belly of giant Pregnant Guppy cargo plane rests on shattered light plane at Van Nuys Airport in Los Angeles Sunday after apparent loss of hydraulic power on landing caused four-engine turboprop to crash through a line of parked airplanes. Although fuel leaked from the small plane, there was no fire.

After Initially Grim Prospects for British-U.S. Plan

Outlook Improves for Rhodesia Peace Effort

By David B. Ottaway

LUSAKA, Oct. 10 (UPI).—A little more than a month after its publication, the latest British-U.S. plan for a peaceful resolution of the 13-year-old Rhodesia conflict has undergone a dramatic reversal from its initially grim prospects and now appears to have at least a chance of success.

To the surprise of many observers here, the plan has stirred a whirlwind of diplomatic activity in this region, drawing in all the countries from giant Nigeria to tiny Malawi. Special messages and envoys are bustling from one capital to another throughout southern Africa, with the secret diplomacy apparently centered here in Lusaka and even more unexpectedly in the Malawian capital of Lilongwe.

"There is going to be a lot of talking in the next few weeks," said a Zambian official.

After the furtive visit of Rhodesian Prime Minister Ian Smith to this capital two weeks ago, despite the virtual state of war between the two neighboring states—there is a feeling here that "anything is possible now," as a Western diplomat put it.

Indeed, if 13 years of off-again, on-again Rhodesia negotiations have proven anything, it is that appearances are highly deceiving, "no's" are never final, militant words should not be taken at face value, and hope springs eternal. After all, it was less than a year ago that Mr. Smith and the African nationalist leaders were fighting over the unsuccessful peace plan of former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger.

The latest plan calls on Mr. Smith to hand over power peacefully to Britain, the former colonial power in Rhodesia, and provides for a peaceful transition under British and United Nations auspices to black majority rule by the end of next year through elections based on one man, one vote.

Observers regard the secretive comings and goings of a Swiss-registered executive Gulf Stream jet belonging to the private British peace entrepreneur, Tiny Rowland, as just the tip of the hidden diplomacy now taking place.

Mr. Rowland is chairman of the British conglomerate Lombe, which has extensive investments throughout southern Africa, and thus a direct interest in peace in Rhodesia. He regards himself as a "revolutionary capitalist." It was a Lombe plane that brought Mr. Smith here on his secret mission and probably Mr. Rowland who arranged for the meeting.

Another Visit?
The same Swiss-registered jet was again sighted here last week, but its passengers remained unidentified, adding to the sense of mystery and uncertainty about what is going on.

There already has been a lot of highly unusual diplomatic shuffling about the region. In the last two weeks or so, South African Foreign Minister R. F. Borker has visited Malawi for talks with President Hastings Banda, and so too have moderate black nationalist leaders of Rhodesia, Bishop Abel Muzorewa and the Rev. Nkomo.

Mr. Banda, a maverick black African leader who has quietly kept his ties to South Africa, apparently has offered to act as a go-between in what may be an attempt to rally the moderate Rhodesian black leaders behind the leadership of Joshua Nkomo, co-leader of the Patriotic Front.

Mr. Nkomo appears to be emerging as the favorite candidate of both white and black leaders in this region, plus probably also of both the East and West, to become the first black president of Zimbabwe. He is acceptable to Mr. Smith and has strong diplomatic backing here and in many other African capitals.

But whether his chief rival, Robert Mugabe, who leads the more radical wing of the Patriotic Front, will bow to his leadership remains a big question. Officials

of the Minge and Nkomo factions were meeting here this week to discuss a fusion of their two separate political organizations.

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These meetings, like the Smith-Kamukama and Botha-Banda ones, bear testimony to the reverberations that the British-U.S. proposals have caused in the region so far and seem to suggest that they are being taken seriously.

At first, none of the interested parties had anything good to say about the peace plan. It met with marked reservations and conditions from the "front-line" states, a rough "interrogation" from South Africa, an apparent right rejection from the Patriotic Front and a scathing attack from Mr. Smith himself.

Since then, however, the "front-line" leaders have approved the plan as a basis for further negotiations. Nigeria has come out in support of it, the Patriotic Front has called for more talks about it, and the United Nations to come visit Salisbury to discuss it.

In addition, the UN Security Council has just agreed to the first step toward the involvement of the world body in trying to carry out the plan. Last Tuesday UN Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim named the highly respected Lt. Gen. Prem Chand of India, who led peacekeeping forces in Cyprus, to be the UN representative at talks on Rhodesia.

While all these steps forward do not add up yet to a total acceptance of the British-U.S. peace plan by any party, they do seem to indicate that the "front-line" states, anyway, regard it as the best hope yet for a solution.

"We could not reject them," a Zambian official said of the proposals, "because there would have been nothing better to replace them with."

Perhaps the best backhanded compliment to the British-U.S. initiative has come almost unnoticed from Moscow. Last year, the Russians virulently attacked the Kissinger plan. This time, they have maintained their silence, apparently fearful of antagonizing their African allies.

Belgrade Alleges A Currency Plot

BELGRADE, Oct. 10 (UPI).—Yugoslavia has charged about 300 persons with changing money illegally into Western currency and draining capital from the country, the national news agency Tanjug said today.

Yugoslavs and Yugoslav émigrés in Western Europe apparently set up dozens of dummy foreign firms to which the "hard" Western currency was transferred. Yugoslav citizens may hold foreign-currency deposits but changing the relatively weak Yugoslav dinar into Western money is forbidden, except in certain commercial transactions.

"More than 300 foreign firms and 29 banks in various countries worked in cahoots with unscrupulous individuals in attempts to jeopardize the stability of the Yugoslav economic system," the report said.

of the Minge and Nkomo factions were meeting here this week to discuss a fusion of their two separate political organizations.

But Mr. Mugabe failed to show up, leaving the outcome very much in doubt.

These meetings, like the Smith-Kamukama and Botha-Banda ones, bear testimony to the reverberations that the British-U.S. proposals have caused in the region so far and seem to suggest that they are being taken seriously.

At first, none of the interested parties had anything good to say about the peace plan. It met with marked reservations and conditions from the "front-line" states, a rough "interrogation" from South Africa, an apparent right rejection from the Patriotic Front and a scathing attack from Mr. Smith himself.

Since then, however, the "front-line" leaders have approved the plan as a basis for further negotiations. Nigeria has come out in support of it, the Patriotic Front has called for more talks about it, and the United Nations to come visit Salisbury to discuss it.

In addition, the UN Security Council has just agreed to the first step toward the involvement of the world body in trying to carry out the plan. Last Tuesday UN Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim named the highly respected Lt. Gen. Prem Chand of India, who led peacekeeping forces in Cyprus, to be the UN representative at talks on Rhodesia.

While all these steps forward do not add up yet to a total acceptance of the British-U.S. peace plan by any party, they do seem to indicate that the "front-line" states, anyway, regard it as the best hope yet for a solution.

"We could not reject them," a Zambian official said of the proposals, "because there would have been nothing better to replace them with."

Perhaps the best backhanded compliment to the British-U.S. initiative has come almost unnoticed from Moscow. Last year, the Russians virulently attacked the Kissinger plan. This time, they have maintained their silence, apparently fearful of antagonizing their African allies.

Belgrade Alleges A Currency Plot

BELGRADE, Oct. 10 (UPI).—Yugoslavia has charged about 300 persons with changing money illegally into Western currency and draining capital from the country, the national news agency Tanjug said today.

Yugoslavs and Yugoslav émigrés in Western Europe apparently set up dozens of dummy foreign firms to which the "hard" Western currency was transferred. Yugoslav citizens may hold foreign-currency deposits but changing the relatively weak Yugoslav dinar into Western money is forbidden, except in certain commercial transactions.

"More than 300 foreign firms and 29 banks in various countries worked in cahoots with unscrupulous individuals in attempts to jeopardize the stability of the Yugoslav economic system," the report said.

Damage Is Put at \$115 Million

Rains Slacken, Italy Flood Fears on Wane

TURIN, Oct. 10 (UPI).—Heavy rains slackened today, reducing prospects of further flooding in northwestern Italy following a weekend of devastation that left damage estimated at more than \$115 million.

At least 16 persons died in the rains and flooding that began Thursday and officials said more bodies might be found as relief work continued.

Officials said the letup in the rain also was causing the level of the swollen Po River to drop. Fears of flooding in the river's rich farmland basin to the east were diminishing.

The rains and flooding cut railroad lines and highways, caused factories to shut and deposited mud and debris in homes in the northwestern Piedmont and Liguria regions around Turin and Genoa.

About 150 Italian Army soldiers were helping relief efforts in the area and two battalions were ready to move in if necessary.

The reduced rainfall allowed authorities to reopen to heavy vehicles roads leading to the Mont Blanc Tunnel to France and the Great St. Bernard Pass through the Alps to Switzerland. Only light vehicles had been allowed on the roads during the last three days.

Still out, however, were the

main international railroad line leading to Geneva and Paris and another line leading to the mountain city of Domodossola. Both were put out of commission when raging floodwaters caused a bridge to collapse.

Officials said service on the Domodossola line would not be restored for at least 60 days.

Small Roads Blocked
Although most major highways and roads were back in service, authorities said dozens of smaller roads were still blocked by debris or closed because of potential rockslides, especially in the hilly region near the city of Alessandria between Turin and Genoa.

Eleven of the flood victims died in the Alessandria area. Officials said several more may have lost their lives when a nightclub near the Orba River was washed away by floodwaters.

Officials said 82 towns and cities in the region had heavy flood damage and dozens of factories were destroyed.

Near Pavia, floodwaters carried away an estimated 10,000 turkeys from a poultry farm, officials said.

Steel Mills
The interruption in railroad service also threatened to cause the closing of two steel mills near Novara that were unable to receive ore or keep their blast furnaces going without continued rail shipments.

Novara officials also said the flooding had damaged grape harvests in the area and may have damaged extensive rice crops.

Officials at the main farming center of Parma, however, said fears of flooding in the Po River Basin were diminishing.

At Alessandria, scientists noted that the level of the Po had dropped 24 centimeters since last night.

St. Mark's Square Flooded
VENICE, Oct. 10 (UPI).—Floodwaters invaded Venice's St. Mark's Square and other low-lying areas of the city today—the first high water of the season.

U.K. Paper Says Ugandans Killed Suspected Spy

LONDON, Oct. 10 (Reuters).—British-born businessman Bob Scanlon, arrested in Uganda on spying charges in June, was beaten to death with a sledgehammer in a Kampala prison last month, the Observer said in a dispatch from Nairobi.

The newspaper said its report yesterday was based on an account by a Ugandan official. According to the witness, Mr. Scanlon and four other prisoners were taken from their cells in a secret prison overlooking Kampala on Sept. 14.

The men were gagged and led along a corridor visible from outside the prison. They were beaten to death with sledgehammers. Each was struck 15 to 20 times, the eyewitness said.

On Sept. 23 Uganda radio said Mr. Scanlon, 44, had "been stolen" from prison two weeks earlier by British intelligence, for whom, it claimed, he had been working. This meant that the government of President Idi Amin was no longer responsible for Mr. Scanlon's fate, it added.

4 Held in Bid to Kill Thai King Bhumibol

BANGKOK, Oct. 10 (Reuters).—Four Thai Muslims, reported to be members of a southern Thai separatist group, have been arrested on charges of trying to assassinate King Bhumibol Aduladej.

Thailand's state-run radio said today that the four confessed that they belonged to a sabotage wing of the Pattani United Liberation Organisation. They said they were responsible for two bomb explosions two weeks ago at Yala in southern Thailand. King Bhumibol, 49, and Queen Sirikit were unhurt in the blasts but 47 persons were injured.

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A Quilting Bee In French Bonnet

By Hebe Dorsey

PARIS, (IHT).—Patchwork, a craft that came from America's pioneering days, when every scrap of fabric was precious, has become a favorite pastime with Frenchwomen.

An exhibition, at the Galerie Arlette Texier, 26 Place Dauphine (until Oct. 22), shows a selection of quilts made by some 500 French students of American Sophie Campbell.

Mrs. Campbell started the course three years ago "with two pupils" at Le Rouvray, a shop specializing in quilts that belongs to Diane Armand Delille. An American married to a Frenchman, Mrs. Delille is responsible for introducing quilts to the French.

But the first exposure came at Galerie Knoll a decade ago when Yves Vial, then director, brought over from New York an exceptional collection of American quilts, including new ones by Rudi Gernreich. The show was a success and the quilts a sellout.

Then, five years ago, Mrs. Delille, who runs an antique shop in the country, decided to open a small gallery on Rue Maître Albert.

Three years later, she ran out of space and moved to a larger locale at 1 Rue Frédéric Sauton. There, she now displays quilts and rustic furniture to recreate an early American decor.

She is widely followed. Every

American quiltmaker Sophie Campbell (r) with Odette Toulton, one of her French students.

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other decorator's shop in Paris sells quilts, both old and new. The women's magazines have been offering how-to methods, sometimes complete with kits—such as "Le Petit Patchwork de Tante Sophie."

At Salle Drouot last spring, a sale of American quilts brought a roomful of amateurs and sold out, despite the fact that the quilts were not first quality. Even the word, patchwork, unknown here a few years ago, has filtered into the French language and is often used in political circles.

By far the most positive aspect of that fad is that it has introduced a new craft to Frenchwomen, many of whom have become addicted to it. Odette Toulton, for one, found herself with a lot of free time after her children were grown up. Being very good with a needle, she found quilting a challenge and a refreshing experience. An early student of Mrs. Campbell's, she has one of her quilts in the exhibition, a handsome, re-

Paganini Prize Awarded

GENOVA, Italy, Oct. 10 (AP).—Soviet violinist Ilya Grubert today was awarded first prize in the Nicolo Paganini International Violin Contest, 88 part of the prize, consisting in 1 million lire (about \$1,800), the winner will give a concert here Wednesday playing the Guarneri Jesus violin which belonged to the 19th-century Italian master.



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strained brown-and-white assemblage "that required 2,350 pieces," she said.

Her interest in personal and artistic. After she finished a quilt for herself, she started making three more for each of her children. Although she speaks no English, she collects books on patchwork and knows her way around the Log Cabin, Star of Bethlehem and Baby Blocks patterns and has a particular fondness for Amish quilts.

Mrs. Campbell teaches twice a week at Le Rouvray and occasionally goes to the provinces. She is proud of the results and of her French students. Of all the 100 quilts on display, she

said some are for sale, the others just for show. "Not so many of my students want to sell," she said. "They get very attached to their work."

That rush of interest in quilts, Mrs. Campbell thinks, is due to the fact that her students have found a way of expressing themselves, which they have not had before. "As in America, it also has to do with a return to nature and basic art—and how much knitting can you do? This is much more creative."

The Bicentennial has also helped. "Since the Bicentennial," Mrs. Campbell said, "the French think all American things are chic."

WAVERLEY ROOT

On the Human Menu Since at Least 800 BC

By Waverley Root

"LETUCE" wrote John Gerard in his "Herball"

(1597). "Is a cold and moist pot-herbe, yet not in the extreme degree of cold or moisture, but altogether moderately; for otherwise it were not to be eaten. We would be more likely to describe it as refreshing today, when it is indeed widely eaten, more than any other salad plant."

It has been on the human menu since at least 800 BC, the time of the earliest reference to it known to me, in an Assyrian herbal which included it in a list of approximately 250 plants which were being grown in the gardens of King Merodach-Baladan in Babylon. Herodotus wrote that the kings of Persia had lettuce on their tables about 550 BC and it was also being grown in Egypt.

Lettuce seeds have been found in Egyptian tombs, and we have a description of its stalks rising from the checkerboard squares into which ancient Egyptian gardens were divided by their irrigation ditches, but we do not know precisely when the plant appeared there first.

Central Stalk

The lettuce of those times did not form heads, but put out leaves from a tall central stalk, which our cultivated varieties remember only when they go to seed and send up their seedstalks. For this reason the ancient Greeks called lettuce "asparagus," a word then applied generally to all spike-like plants, which was monopolized only later by the plant which bears that name today.

Hippocrates said a good word for lettuce, and Theophrastus recorded the presence of four varieties—flat-stalked, round-stalked, Laconian, and white; the last was the sweetest and tenderest and was the first to reach Italy, at least by 500 BC, when it is

on record that the favorite Roman vegetables of the period were artichokes, cabbage and lettuce.

It remained the only variety in Italy for a considerable time, according to Pliny, and was called asparagus by the Romans too, though they were the ones who taught it to form heads, but not immediately. It seems unlikely that the education of lettuce had occurred by the 1st century, for Columella, who lived in that century, mentioned a number of kinds of lettuce, but gave no inkling of acquaintance with heading plants.

New Name

When a spikeless lettuce was achieved, it needed a new name, and the Romans had one ready for it, *lactuca*, milky plant, because the cut stalk exudes a sticky white fluid which looks like milk, causing the Romans, by a natural association of ideas, to deduce that it needed to be watered, if that is the appropriate term, with milk, so that was what they did. (The "milk" turns reddish brown on exposure to air; if you buy a lettuce which seems to be turning brown at the cut end, this does not mean that it is beginning to spoil.)

Apicius Recipe

Apicius provided a recipe for a purée of lettuce leaves and onion, and Columella gave directions for pickling lettuce, but as a rule the ancient Romans treated it as we do, serving it as a salad with dressing. In the time of Augustus it ended the meal, but under Domitian it was shifted to the beginning, causing Martial to inquire (in the translation

offered by Gerard): "Telle me why lettuce, which our Grand-sires last did eat, is now of late become, to be the first of meat?"

The answer seems to be that the Romans had just come to realize that lettuce arouses the appetite.

Lettuce seems to have been slow reaching the Far East; only in the 5th century do we hear of its cultivation in China. In Europe it spread north and west during the Middle Ages. The Anglo-Saxons gathered the wild plant, but did not cultivate it. In France, however, Charlemagne included it in the list of plants to be grown in his domains.

Lettuce became a common enough plant in French home gardens, but it was not easy to find it on the market, and watercress seems to have been preferred. But it apparently enjoyed luxury status, for at all the great banquets, when the season permitted, three or four different kinds of salad greens were served, in particular more than one variety of lettuce, though the complete range of possibilities, according to Lédroit in 1574, was four—the small, the common, the curled and the Roman—our romaine.

Greek Island

The name "romaine" has caused some contemporary writers to suppose that this type of lettuce originated in Rome; but its alternative name, cos lettuce, tells us where the Romans got it. It is still an important crop on the Greek island of Cos, a place which gets a good deal of sun; romaine accordingly is the only sort of lettuce able to resist a certain amount of heat.

England perhaps graduated to cultivated lettuce in the 16th century; it was in 1440 that it was listed among vegetables which could be grown in the British Isles, and presumably it was, for a little later the favorite food plants of England are given as lettuce, cabbage, spinach and radishes. In France the popularity of lettuce skyrocketed in the 17th century, following the lead of Louis XIV, who was fond

of it, especially if it were flavoured with tarragon, pimpernel, a sweet basil, and, if possible, sprinkled with violets.

Columbus Himself

Columbus himself is supposed to have introduced lettuce to the New World, where it was eaten chiefly in the following century by those who grew it in the owa gardens.

But only after World War did Americans begin to appreciate the virtues of lettuce, despite the discouragingly unpalatable nature of its growth as a "protective food." Americans today eat about 6700 million worth of lettuce annually. California produces 70 per cent of it, and Arizona, figured on year-around basis, another 15 per cent. During the six months of the year when lettuce is out season elsewhere, these two states together hold a virtual monopoly on lettuce production, supply from 90 to 98 per cent of demand.

Nobody knows where lettuce originated, except that it is plant of the Northern Hemisphere, which does not exact pinpoint its place of birth, a almost certainly of Eurasia, which is not much more precise, reasonable guess might be that it is a native of the Caucasus for history seems to place the earliest lettuce in or near south western Asia, but its intolerance of heat points to a cool climate which in this part of the world implies altitude; several places show similar climatic preferences originated in the Caucasus.

Head Lettuce

Head lettuces are subdivided into two groups: butterhead lettuce, tender and pleasing to taste, but soft and hence difficult to pack, ship and store, and the crisp hard-headed types, firmer for the gourmet's palate, but meaning less for the sellers, so that is why we get.

The commonest lettuce in United States is the hard-headed iceberg variety, unfortunately least "protective"—one-third much vitamin A as the headed types, one-ninth as much as romaine; only a little more than half as much calcium as much as romaine; one-fifth as much iron as romaine, and fourth as much as butterhead.

Butterheads include the polar Boston lettuce and Bibb lettuce, the second developed by amateur horticulturist, John Bibb, in Frankfurt, Ky., early enough to make it a feature Kentucky Derby breakfasts. Lettuce has engendered a spring of the highest quality, learn from Thoreau, who "Walden" lettuce, a beaver to Jupiter, who was daughter of Jumo and wild tues, and who had the po of restoring gods and men to vigor of youth. She was probably the only thoroughly sun conditioned, healthy, and rot young lady that ever walked globe, and wherever she came was spring.

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Oct. 10 (Reuters).—by the prospect of a war between the United States and Europe, steel producers in the Common Market today proposed a compromise agreement to control sales of steel to the U.S. by the specter of a trade war which would be a disaster for Europe.

Mr. Perry added that his proposal for voluntary restraints on sales in the U.S. market should be negotiated by the EEC and the American government and complement similar negotiations between the United States and Japan.

He said he did not know how the idea would be received in America but added that "it would be a matter of good sense and in the American interest for them to be received favorably."

Earlier today a leading Japanese steel producer, Ishihara Saito, of Nippon Steel Corp., told the session that the longer the current world steel slowdown lasted, the more problems it would create.

"The increasing tension in the world steel trade will give rise to a sense of crisis in relation to the free trade system," he said.

He said that "with our production drastically reduced, we are experiencing a most depressed state" with mills and furnaces being closed down. Japanese steel-makers were operating at 70 per cent of capacity, he added.

CD Sees Growth, More Jobless

ASBOURG, France, Oct. 10 (AP).—Despite stimulative measures in Japan and West Germany, the overall growth in the European Community could be below last year's while unemployment could rise further in 1978.

New forecast, made today by the Community's economic secretaries, shows a 4.4 per cent growth rate and a target of about 3.5 per cent for 1978 under the medium-term strategy agreed by ministers last June.

Resting the parliamentary body of the Council of Europe, Van Lennep said that the nature of the present recovery, by depressing profits and slowing investment, was making the necessary structural changes needed to adapt to higher prices and increasing competition from the developing nations.

Urges Boost Investments

Investments shouldn't be inhibited by the existence of structural problems from monetary and fiscal policies, Van Lennep said. He said that the demand for a competitive inflation and the balance of payments situation, he said.

Van Lennep warned that progress was made against inflation, there was the possibility of a generalized balance-of-payments constraint becoming a factor.

His scenario for a somewhat faster rate of growth next year, he said, was a significant reduction in current account surpluses from Japan, Germany and smaller countries, he said.

The OECD official said that exchange rate changes can contribute to these adjustments, essential requirement is that competition in these countries should rise more strongly in others.

Van Lennep spoke of the danger of rising protectionism due to emergence of a sectoral problem resulting from the severity of the recession and the moderate rate of the recovery. "I believe the growing strength of protectionist sentiment in many countries is one of the most disturbing features of the present situation," he said.

Turning to the problem of unemployment, Mr. Van Lennep said that the rate for the EEC area as a whole stood at 11 per cent compared with an overall rate of over 5 per cent. "Young workers are just over 20 per cent of the labor force but nearly 40 per cent of the unemployed."

Tobacco Firms Get Burned in Substitutes

LONDON, Oct. 10 (AP).—The British tobacco companies plan to send a message to the U.S. market by refusing to buy them.

F.D. and H.O. Wills, a subsidiary of the Imperial Tobacco Co., has announced that it will burn 100 million of the cigarettes, worth \$450,000 (\$1,000).

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The move ended a national campaign to get Britain's 22 million smokers to switch to cigarettes, which are a mixture of tobacco and synthetic material made from pulp and cellulose.

Investment Officers Are Defensive Stock Upswing May Take Time

NEW YORK, Oct. 10 (AP-DJ).—Although some analysts see signs that the stock market may be ending its long descent, some investment officers think significant upswing may be slow in coming.

"It's time to be patient," suggests Richard Crowell, senior vice-president of Boston Co. He explains that "we don't see any reason to alter the defensive position we've had since the second half of 1976." The firm, which watches over investments of \$7.2 billion, is maintaining cash reserves in its typical tax-free pension account of about 35 per cent.

"We prefer to wait for the green light," he states. One reason he thinks the market may encounter further difficulty is that although the Dow Jones industrial average has been weak (it is down 17.2 per cent from its 1976 high) "most stocks are just starting to lose momentum."

Two other technical factors also convince him that the market has not bottomed yet: "Investor sentiment is too complacent and not overconcerned and reserves, such as mutual fund cash, are insufficient" to fuel a substantial market rise. Stocks are becoming undervalued, Mr. Crowell says, but they have not become "truly undervalued yet in relation to the pace of economic activity."

The market's weakness indicates it is anticipating an economic problem, he asserts, "but we don't have a clear perception yet of what that problem is." However, he believes "there will be significant slowing of economic growth for several quarters." He explains that "consumer spending, which led the recovery, seems to have run its course and capital spending probably won't increase enough next year to maintain a rapid economy."

"We're cautious for the short term," states Charles Miller, president of Funds Advisory Co., Houston, which guides more than \$500 million. "We think there's some downside risk and not as much upside potential as we would like to see. It's hard to make a case for an extremely strong market."

Funds Advisory has reserves of 30 per cent to 40 per cent in its portfolios equity portions; the fixed-income portions are fully invested but it is starting to hold back some of the cash flow.

"On a historic basis the current market offers a lot of attractive values, but value alone isn't enough," he contends. "Other variables that must be considered in investment decisions are liquidity (flow of funds) and investor psychology."

The market is still a three-tier affair, Mr. Miller observes. One of these tiers, the intermediate cyclical (steel, paper, chemical, textile and metal issues), he says, "has been weak for well over a year." Another tier, the leading growth stocks, which were relatively strong through the summer, "falttered recently and will be under liquidation for a while," he believes. "They're vulnerable to international economic weakness and to the pace of consumer spending," he adds.

The third tier is "everything else in the market and these issues are down less than 5 per cent from their peaks in July," he observes. But he looks for this group to become weaker, partly because of pressure from the major averages, which consist largely of the first two tiers.

Another Low Against Swiss Franc

Dollar Falls Despite Banks' Intervention

LONDON, Oct. 10 (AP-DJ).—An apparent bid by the West German Bundesbank and the Swiss National Bank to support the dollar failed today as market sentiment maintained its negative stance toward the U.S. currency.

The Bundesbank reportedly bought about \$20 million at the Frankfurt fixing and the Swiss authorities were also said to have intervened in support of the U.S. unit. But dealers said once the central banks withdrew late in the day the dollar lost all of its slim gains made earlier.

Against the deutsche mark the dollar fell to 2.2920 marks from 2.2943 marks earlier today and 2.2992 marks late Friday. The dollar fell to a new low against the Swiss franc of 2.0385 francs from 2.0500 francs earlier and 2.1112 francs late last week.

Continued strong demand for the Swiss currency pushed the franc to within 0.5 per cent of parity with the mark. The cross-rate rose to 99.50 marks for 100 francs from Friday's rate of 99.22 marks. Some dealers said they expect the Swiss and German currencies to reach parity, possibly within a week.

Thin Trading
Dealers both in London and Frankfurt said that today's rate movements may have been a "false" rise due to the thin level of trading owing to the partial holiday in the United States and the holiday in Japan.

Nonetheless, they predicted that the U.S. currency would come under pressure again tomorrow as funds continue to move out of the dollar and into the relatively stronger yen, Swiss franc and deutsche mark.

In Frankfurt, dealers said that while 2.29 marks appears to be the Bundesbank's floor level for the dollar, the central bank's policy of intervening only to smooth currency fluctuations rather than determine the rate itself would make it unable to stand in the way of market pressures for a lower dollar.

Gold Soars \$3 an Ounce To 2-Year High

ZURICH, Oct. 10 (AP-DJ).—The price of gold, which has been climbing steadily recently, jumped \$3 an ounce in London and Zurich today to its highest level in two years.

At the afternoon fixing in London the price of \$197.15 an ounce was the highest in two years and up \$3.30 from Friday's fixing. However, late trading pared this gain to \$3. The closing price in London and Zurich was \$197.125, up from \$194.125 Friday.

Gold traders said there was no single event that would account for the sharp rise, though one chief dealer at a major Swiss bank mentioned that both South Africa and the Soviet Union were holding back their selling, thus putting upward pressure on the price.

Italy Registers A Trade Surplus

ROME, Oct. 10 (AP-DJ).—Italy posted a trade surplus of 254 billion lire (\$280 million) in August, its third consecutive monthly surplus.

The country's trade deficit over the first eight months of the year shrank to 1,942 billion lire, almost half of the 1976 trade deficit for the same period, which amounted to 3,204 billion lire.

The trade surplus in June was \$1 billion lire and in July \$25 billion lire.

Meanwhile, industrial production declined again in August, although the 0.6-per-cent fall was nowhere near the 7.7-per-cent slump of July.

Kloekner-Werke Sales
DUISBURG, West Germany, Oct. 10 (AP-DJ).—Sales of Kloekner-Werke AG were steady in the year ended Sept. 30, at 4.1 billion marks, the steel concern said. Previous year sales totaled 3.35 billion marks.

U.S. Growth Seen Slowing in '78

NEW YORK, Oct. 10 (NYT).—U.S. economic expansion will continue next year at a slower rate than this year's expansion, but growth will probably halt and the economy will turn down by late 1978 or 1979, according to a survey of business economists.

The forecast, which is in general agreement with other recent predictions by business groups, was made by the National Association of Business Economists, which opened its annual meeting today in Philadelphia.

It is somewhat more pessimistic, however, than the Carter administration's official forecast. Government economists are revising downward their estimates of 1978 growth to take into account recent indications of sluggish economic activity.

Worries Pinpointed
Despite the relatively benign outlook for 1978, the business economists pointed to a number of areas of concern. Among them:

• There will be insufficient capital spending by business, primarily because of a lack of confidence in future profitability.

• The "regulatory environment" and uncertainties associated with it are causing problems for businessmen.

• A deceleration in business fixed investment to a 13.5 per cent advance is foreseen, compared with this year's estimated 15 per cent.

In addition, the economists said they expected a slowing in the rise of personal consumption expenditures next year and a modest decline in housing starts.

Nevertheless, they predicted that inflation would probably continue at a rate somewhat above 6 per cent in 1978, that unemployment, while diminishing, would still average 6.7 per cent of the labor force, and that corporate profits would show a pre-tax rise of 6.3 per cent, down from an estimated 9.3 per cent this year and 20 per cent in 1976.

"It is noteworthy, however," he added, "that inflation has changed little in relative ranking, while government controls have steadily crept upward. Inflation drew a 36-per-cent top priority two years ago, as against this year's 38 per cent, while excessive government controls has advanced from an 8-per-cent top priority two years ago to a 26-per-cent vote in the current survey."

According to Mr. Schott, 29 per cent of the respondents thought the next economic downturn would begin in 1978, and nearly 43 per cent said it would start in 1979.

Increased Tax Cut Planned To Boost Firms' Investment

WASHINGTON, Oct. 10 (NYT).—Increasingly concerned about the sluggish pace of investment, administration tax planners have sweetened the reduction for business that President Carter is likely to propose to Congress as part of a broader tax reform package, administration sources said yesterday.

The overall tax cut, to be phased over several years, is likely to exceed \$30 billion and may well reach \$32 billion, the sources said.

That would be appreciably higher than the \$17.2 billion figure tentatively used in a Treasury planning paper Sept. 2. Moreover, nearly all the increase would be in the form of tax relief for business so as to spur investment, the sources indicated.

Official White House sources insisted, as they have repeatedly for weeks, that "final decisions" have not been officially made. But they also acknowledged that a tax cut of \$22 billion or so was "a ballpark kind of informal figure" with which they were working.

Bigger Cut for Firms
Other sources said that more important than the precise revenue estimate were the direction and character of change in recent weeks. The \$17.2-billion planning figure included only \$3.4 billion for corporations, whereas an overall cut of \$22 billion would include roughly \$7 billion for corporations, it was said.

The administration has been reluctant to acknowledge publicly its mounting concern about the vigor of the economy in 1978, particularly after midyear, lest such talk prompt some companies to hold back on planned investment, making the prophecy self-fulfilling.

The comprehensive tax-revision package, tentatively scheduled to go to Congress Oct. 17 or 18, is expected to produce reductions in taxes for individuals with incomes of up to roughly \$100,000 a year. General rate reduction for most taxpayers and corporations is depicted by the administration as serving two functions. One is to impart new vigor to the economy, the other is what Treasury Secretary Michael Blumenthal has labeled "the sweetener"—the inducement to the public and Congress to go along with some "reform" actions that otherwise would be highly unpopular.

Stocks Drop In Low Trade

NEW YORK, Oct. 10 (AP-DJ).—New York Stock Prices closed mostly lower today in the slowest trading of the year with many investors observing the Columbus Day holiday.

The Dow Jones industrial average was down 0.09 point to 840.26 and declining issues outnumbered gainers about 730 to 555.

Volume totaled 10.58 million shares, down from 18.25 million shares Friday. Trading was the slowest since Jan. 2, 1976 when 10.3 million shares changed hands.

Broken said that with institutions closed, many individual investors inactive and the money market not in operation, the market tended to be slow and hesitant.

They attributed some selling to the report that analysts generally expect the money supply to press higher this month with some looking for a surge of up to \$4 billion in the basic money supply; figures to be released later this week.

Analysts say a new expansion of the money supply could lead to tighter Federal Reserve money policy. Just last Friday, the Fed raised its target on key federal fund rates to 6 1/2 per cent and some analysts say it could raise the target another half point. It has raised it two points already this year.

Vornado was the NYSE's biggest percentage gainer, up 7/8 at 7. The company said Friday it will sell its Builders Emporium division to W.R. Grace and its West Coast Two Guys operation to Fed Mart Corp.

The Big Board's most active, Savin Business Machines, dropped 2 1/8 to 25 7/8. Analysts said investors continued to worry about the cloudy outlook of Savin's future relationship with its supplier, Ricoh Co.

Alcon Laboratories, also high up on the active list, gained 1/2 to 28. Alcon disclosed last week it is studying several merger offers.

Heavily-traded Chris Craft Industries declined 5/8 to 8. Chris Craft and Bangor Punta said last week they are near a settlement over the ownership of Piper Aircraft Corp.

Wholesale Price Index Rises 0.5% in Britain

LONDON, Oct. 10 (AP-DJ).—Britain's provisional wholesale price index of manufactured products rose by 0.5 per cent in September to 269.2 (1970 equals 100) from 268 in August, and by 19 per cent over the year, the government said today.

The index of wholesale prices for products of manufacturing industries other than food, drink and tobacco rose 0.7 per cent last month from August to 273.2 from 273.3. Food output prices fell about 0.2 per cent.

Company Report Abbott Laboratories

Revenue, Profits in Millions of Dollars			
Third Quarter	1977	1976	
Revenue	309.6	270.8	
Profits	27.7	21.9	
Per Share	0.93	0.78	
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Revenue	897.9	797.8	
Profits	80.9	62.9	
Per Share	2.72	2.24	

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Italian Prices Rise
ROME, Oct. 10 (Reuters).—Italy's retail price index for working families rose 1.1 per cent in September to 121, base 1976, after a 0.7-per-cent rise in August, the statistics institute said.

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8 1/2% Notes due 1992

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Yankees Score 3 in Ninth Inning Beat Royals, 5-3, Win Pennant

By Wire Dispatches
CITY, Oct. 10.—Just a year ago when a ninth-inning home run, the Yankees rallied in the last night and won consecutive American League pennants.

Royals manager Whitey Herzog then replaced Leonard with left-hander Larry Gura, who was roughed up by the Yankees in their 7-3 triumph Saturday. Mickey Rivers greeted Gura with a sharp single to center to tie the score.

Mark Littell, who gave up Chambers's home run a year ago, replaced Gura and Willie Randolph put the Yankees ahead with a long sacrifice fly to center. After Thurman Munson grounded out, the Yankees scored an insurance run when George Brett picked up Lou Piniella's grounder and then hit over the head of first baseman Pete LaCock as Rivers scored.

The Yankees then gave the ball to ace reliever Sparky Lyle, who shut the door on the Royals in the ninth inning to pick up his second playoff victory.

Line Score In Playoffs

FIFTH GAME
New York..... 001 000 010-5 14 0
Kansas City..... 001 000 000-3 12 1
Gurdy, Torres (3), Lyle (3) and Munson; Splitter, Bird (8), Mingers (8), Leonard (9), Gura (9), Littell (9) and Porter. W-L-Ye. L-Leonard.

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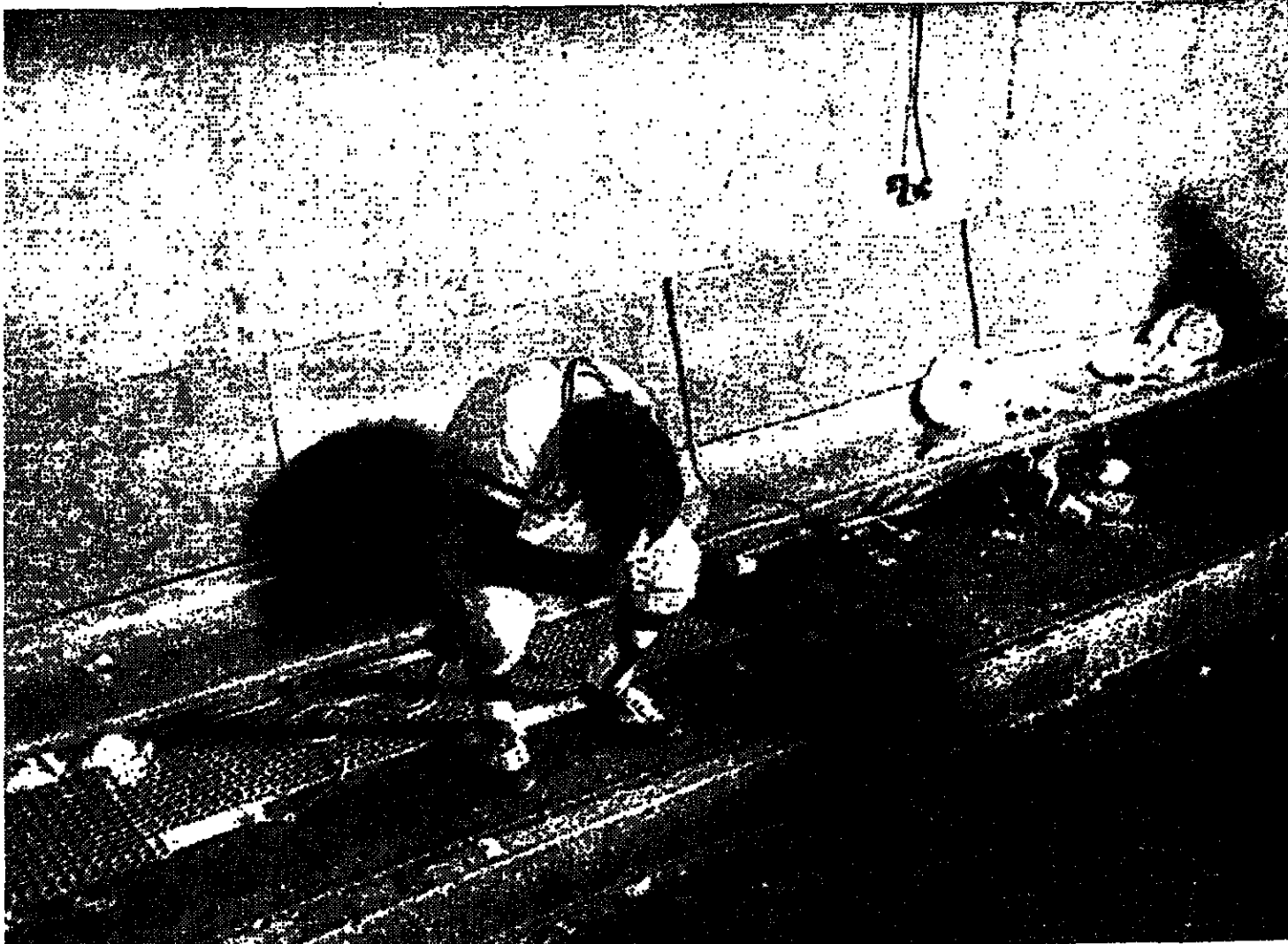
Boys Outlast Cardinals, 30-24

By Dave Brady
DALLAS, Oct. 10 (WP).—The Cowboys were threatening to beat the Cardinals yesterday as the Dallas Cowboys won a 30-24 victory over the Cardinals.

scopped it up and ran for a 35-yard touchdown. That put the Cowboys ahead, 24-16, shortly before the end of the period.

51-yard touchdown pass to Billy Johnson and the Houston Oilers defense caused six fumbles in the fourth quarter to earn a 27-10 victory over the Pittsburgh Steelers.

No Early Trouble
Splitter, the first-game winner who had an overall record of 16 victories and 2 defeats since May 20, retired the Yankees in the first inning and set down three consecutive Yankees in the second after Piniella led off with a double.

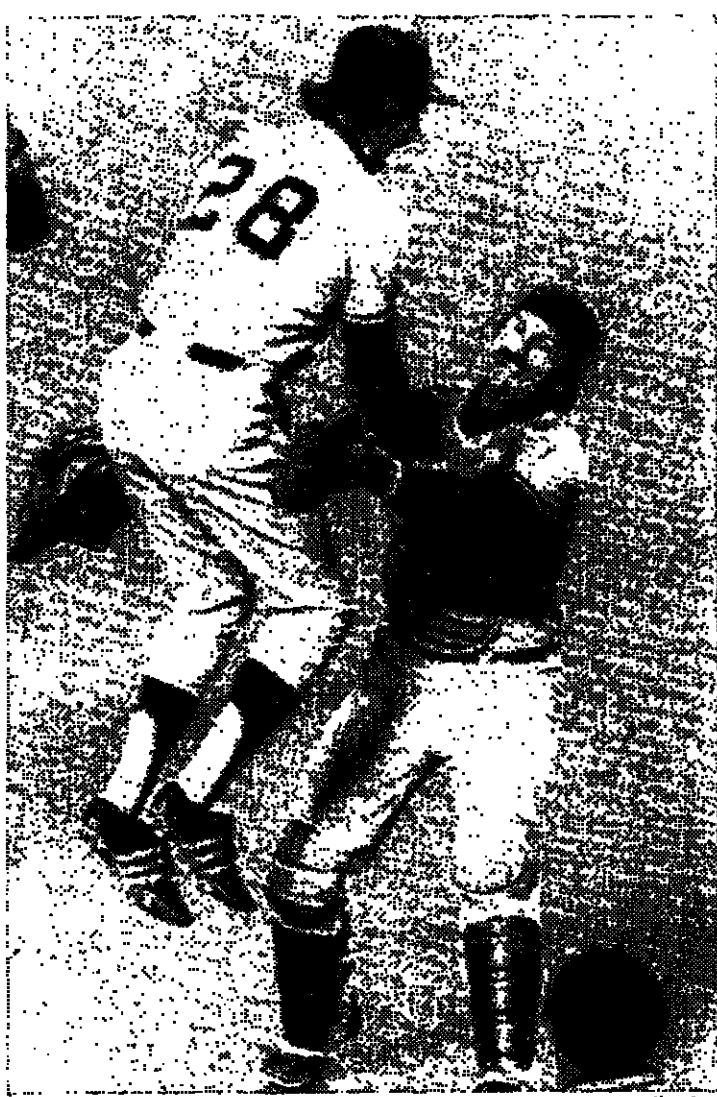


IN THE LOSERS' DUGOUT—Shortstop Fred Patek of Kansas City sits alone in despair after the game ended.

Hunt, After Crash in Canada, Fined for Striking a Marshal

MOSPORT, Ontario, Oct. 10 (Reuters).—James Hunt has been fined \$2,000 by the organizers of yesterday's Canadian Grand Prix after being accused of punching a race marshal.

ing error and added, "He opens his mouth very quickly, which is unfortunate."



OUT ON THE FIELD—Winning pitcher Sparky Lyle leaps into the embrace of Yankee catcher Thurman Munson.

WHA Is Starting Its Season Optimistic About New Format

NEW YORK, Oct. 10 (NYT).—Howard Baldwin is an indefatigable optimist. After seeing the summer-long effort at merger between the World Hockey Association and the National Hockey League collapse, the new president of the WHA has contained his initial ire and has bright predictions for his league, which opens its sixth season Wednesday.

initate groupings of teams, with Quebec, Winnipeg, New England and Cincinnati making a decidedly stronger showing than Birmingham, Houston, Edmonton and Indianapolis. The fleet Quebec Nordiques, the defending champions, are still the team to beat.

Knicks Trade Frazier to Cavs

NEW YORK, Oct. 10 (NYT).—The New York Knicks have completed a deal to send Walt Frazier to the Cleveland Cavaliers as compensation for the signing of Jim Cleamons, a free agent.

WHL Standings

Team	W	L	T	Pts
Edmonton	4	0	0	8
Calgary	3	0	0	6
Winnipeg	2	0	0	4
Quebec	1	0	0	2

Canadian Football League Standings

Team	W	L	T	Pts
Edmonton	4	0	0	8
Calgary	3	0	0	6
Winnipeg	2	0	0	4
Quebec	1	0	0	2

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Art Buchwald

Waiting for Jimmy

WASHINGTON—A few weeks ago President Carter called two Washington correspondents, Hedrick Smith of The New York Times and Jack Nelson of the Los Angeles Times, and spent a long time on the phone explaining how close he was to Vice-President Mondale and also how hard he, Mr. Carter, was working in the White House.



Buchwald

When the President of the United States calls a newspaperman to explain what he's doing it makes you a big man in this town.

Since then every newspaperman has a fantasy that he or she will get the next call from the President.

I have to confess that I, too, have been dreaming about it. To my fantasy, Jody Fournier goes into Mr. Carter's office and says, "You better call Buchwald. He's got it all wrong concerning your position on the three-minute lunch."

The fantasy has become so real that things have become pretty rough around my house.

The first night I said to my wife, "Any telephone calls for me?"

"The Volvo service people called and said it would cost \$321 to fix your car."

"I don't mean that kind of call. Have there been any from a high government official?"

"Why would a high government official want to call you?"

"Well, if you must know, I'm expecting to hear from the President of the United States."

"It's not a joke," I said angrily. "He's starting to call newspapermen in this town and he might be doing it alphabetically."

"If he does call," she said, still giggling, "should I say you're here?"

"Of course, you can tell him I'm here. You don't tell the President of the United States your husband isn't home when he is. And don't lie up the phone for the next two weeks talking to your sister."

The next night I found my son on the phone speaking to a girl-friend.

"How long has he been talking?" I asked my wife.

"About an hour."

"That's just great," I said. "The President of the United States is probably trying to call me and all he can get is a busy signal."

"I'm sure if the President was trying to get you the White House would interrupt the call."

"Well, tell him to get off."

"My wife said to my son, 'Finish the call. Your father is expecting to get one from the President.'"

My son said to his girl, "I have to hang up now. My dad is waiting to hear from President Carter. . . I'm not trying to get you off the line. That's what he says. Yeh, he has been acting a little funny lately. As a matter of fact, he hasn't been the same since Watergate."

"All right," I said. "Everyone can make fun of me, but when the call comes through you'll be laughing out of the other side of your mouth. And because of your attitude, I'm not going to let any of you listen in."

Since then every time someone calls my wife says, "I can't talk. Art's expecting a call from President Carter."

"Big mouth. Do you have to tell everyone?"

"I think it's kind of impressive. If he doesn't call by next week, why don't you call him? It might relieve the suspense."

"No way. You don't get the Pulitzer Prize if you call the President. The only way they'll give it to you is if he calls you."

Japanese Whisky Makes Scotch Sour

By Charles Dick

LONDON (Reuters)—The Scotch whisky industry, which for centuries has jealously guarded the secret of its blends, is becoming increasingly worried about imitations.

Distillers around the world resorted in the past to importing Scotch water, barley—even peat from highland moors—but never succeeded in exactly copying the taste of Scotch.

Now whisky makers in countries such as Japan are importing more and more of the real thing to blend with local whiskies.

Japan, the world's second largest whisky consumer, has increased its imports of bulk malt whisky from Scotland from 631,000 gallons (nearly 3 million liters) in 1970 to over 5 million gallons (23 million liters) last year.

And a leading Japanese distiller has produced a whisky which it claims to be the world's biggest-selling brand, tasting very much like Scotch.

Scottish trade unionists and members of Parliament have combined to call for a reduction in bulk malt exports, saying they are helping competitors and threatening the Scotch industry.

At a protest rally in Glasgow recently, they urged the government to help curb the increasing sales.

Warning by Unions

Leaders of the eight unions in the industry warned that Japanese distillers were now seriously challenging Scotch in the United States, the biggest overseas market, while making inroads into the home market with inferior, and sometimes cheaper, products. The whiskies contain varying quantities of Scotch malt whisky.

Douglas McDougall, chairman of the Committee for Scotch Whisky, which was set up two years ago to protect bulk malt exports, said: "We see Japan as a real threat to the Scotch industry. The Japanese are very adept at imitating and perhaps improving a product."

Whisky brands of Japan's largest distiller, Suntory, have a slightly blander flavor generally than Scotch. Its most popular label, Old Suntory, could easily be mistaken for favorite Scotch blends.

Suntory emphasizes that it is not trying to make a Scotch whisky but trying to market a distinct Japanese liquor.

Tomio Sasaki, assistant general manager of Suntory's British operation, explained that the company was buying malt whisky from Scotland to increase the variety of blends. A good whisky will contain up to 40 different blends.

But he denied that Suntory was trying to produce a whisky indistinguishable from Scotch.

Establishing Taste

"We have a long-range view. So long as we're following after Scotch whisky, we have no future. We want to establish a taste for Japanese whisky," he says.

Mr. Sasaki said that he sensed antagonism in some areas of the industry because of Japanese successes in other fields, such as the car, electrical and camera industries.

"Some people are very friendly, but some are our bitter critics," he said. "This is something which has to be solved within the Scotch industry."

But Scotch whisky, which has been distilled in Scotland since the Middle Ages, seems to have suffered little from imitations as the Scotch climate, the water and other factors give it a unique flavor.

Most Scotch whiskies are blends of malt and grain whiskies. The malt kind, which requires a longer maturing period, is made in four stages of mashing, mashing, fermentation and distillation.

In the mashing, barley is allowed to germinate and then dried at the appropriate moment to stop the process. The dried malt is then ground, mixed with water and allowed to ferment when yeast converts sugar into crude alcohol.

Malt whisky is then distilled twice in large copper pot stills before being matured for 15 years or more in oak casks.

The peat was at one time generally used in fires to dry the barley and this gave the whisky a strong smoky flavor. It is still used in small quantities together with modern oil burners.

Adam Taylor, technical manager of Moray Firth Distilleries, whose plants at Inverness and Arbroath supply much of the malt used by Scotch distillers, is working on a research grant at Dundee University to try to determine the part played by peat smoke in giving Scotch its flavor.

But despite the seemingly built-in security Scotch conditions face, because they cannot be precisely reproduced elsewhere, Scotch whisky makers are uneasy.

Adam Bergius, spokesman for the Scotch Whisky Association, which represents over 100 distillers, said that bulk malt exports should always be seen as a danger to the industry. Distillers in Japan and other countries, including Spain and South American states, blended Scotch with local whiskies, he said.

Although the vast majority of Suntory's sales are in the home market, of which it has an 80-per-cent share, and exports are still relatively small, Mr. Bergius said, "I think it would be totally foolish to underestimate the commercial and selling skills of the Japanese. They are showing signs of being very aggressive . . . and exporting back into established Scotch markets."

Suntory's brands of whisky on sale in Britain, Old Suntory and Suntory Royal, are more expensive than Scotch whiskies here. But their prices were slashed last July by around 10 per cent, making them highly competitive.

London Outlets

Suntory, possibly aiming to appeal to those with exclusive tastes, recently started selling its whisky at Harrods, the smart store in London's fashionable Knightsbridge district. Other outlets are mainly Japanese restaurants and food shops in London. The brands are still not widely available, although sales started eight years ago in Britain.

But, possibly anticipating the reaction of the Scotch industry, Japanese whisky distillers protested to their government earlier this year against what they said were unfairly low taxes on foreign whiskies.

The European Economic Community has asked Japan to reduce both import duty and liquor tax on Scotch whisky as part of efforts to redress Japan's huge trade surplus with Western Europe.

But whatever country decides to make and market Scotch whisky, the word itself remains Scotch. It derives from the Gaelic "uisquebaugh" or "water of life."

PEOPLE: Dutch Have 'Nightmare' Over Anita Bryant

Dutch entertainers satirized Anita Bryant before 2,000 gay activists, politicians and others who packed an Amsterdam concert hall Sunday for a rally called "The Miami Nightmare."

It was sponsored by the Dutch Foundation for Free Human Relations to pay for a \$40,000 advertisement criticizing Miss Bryant's crusade in the United States against homosexuals.

Mayor Wim Kok, who opened the rally, said that he had received stacks of mail protesting his plans to attend. "There will be a lot of fighting before homosexuals and others have their human rights," he said. "Wherever human rights are violated, we must protest."

Outside the hall there was another protest. About 600 people staged what they called an "alternative nightmare" over the price of the tickets to the rally—between \$10 and \$40.

World and Olympic ice-dance champions Lyudmila Pakhomova and Alexander Gorshkov have become the parents of a daughter in Moscow and are already planning a skating career for her, the Soviet news agency Tass said Monday. Lyudmila and 7 want our daughter to become a good figure skater, the sport to which we are devoted with all our hearts," Gorshkov was quoted as saying.

Mathilde Lee apparently is not looking forward to her new role as first lady of Maryland. Friends and relatives of the acting governor's wife say that she may not fit into the social whirl of the state capital. "She hates to get dressed up," says her son Blair. "In a way, she is almost naive, vulnerable. She doesn't have the social instincts you would expect."

Acting Gov. Blair Lee 3d officially took the reins of government when Gov. Marvin Mandel was sentenced Friday to four years in prison on charges of political corruption. Asked whether Maryland state police would provide security for his wife, who likes to backpack along the Appalachian Trail, Lee said, "They're going to have a hard time keeping up with her."

A young motorcyclist who ran out of gas got the surprise of his life when he thumbed a ride a passing rider in Spain, the astute rider reported in a Madrid paper. The obliging driver was King Juan Carlos on his way to the airport with his goggle and crash helmet. The youth did not recognize until he spotted an accompanying bodyguard. After taking youth to the nearest garage King returned him to who had left his machine. The was not identified.

Before she ascended the throne in 1972, Queen grethe, an accomplished actor, insisted on her own cast of arms, can be seen on Danish boxes and in public throughout the country. It turns out that the Queen the "Ingablu Grahmer" has turned out to draw illustrations of a three-volume edition of J.R.R. Tolkien's "The Rings." The pseudonymously executed drawings in a 1,500-copy edition of Tolkien work issued in Copenhagen Friday. "We don't know the secret was discovered by a spokesman said for Publishing Co., who added the volumes, which cost \$1 sold out.

—SAMUEL JUST

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